

HANOVER COLLEGE

517 Ball Drive, Hanover, IN 47243-0108 • Admissions: 800-213-2178

Survey Snapshot
Lab facilities are great
Class discussions encouraged
Frats and sororities are popular

CAMPUS LIFE

Quality of Life Rating	86
Fire Safety Rating	60*
Green Rating	80
Type of school	Private
Affiliation	Presbyterian
Environment	Rural

Students*

Degree-seeking undergrad enrollment	949
% male/female/another gender	49/50/1
% from out of state	36
% frosh from public high school	85
% frosh live on campus	95
% ugrads live on campus	93
# of fraternities (% join)	4 (42)
# of sororities (% join)	4 (37)
% Asian	1
% Black or African American	5
% Hispanic	3
% Native American	1
% Pacific Islander	0
% Race and/or ethnicity unknown	3
% Two or more races	6
% White	77
% International	5
# of countries represented	17

CAMPUS MENTAL HEALTH

Offers mental health/wellness program	NR
Mental health training available to students	NR
Employs Chief Wellness Officer	NR
Peer-to-peer mental health offerings	NR
Counseling center has guidelines or accreditation	NR
Mental health/well-being courses	NR

ACADEMICS*

Academic Rating	88
% students returning for sophomore year	78
% students graduating within 4 years	67
% students graduating within 6 years	69
Calendar	4/4/1
Student/faculty ratio	11:1
Profs interesting rating	91
Profs accessible rating	95
Most common class size 10–19 students.	(46%)

Most Popular Majors

Economics; Psychology; Speech Communication and Rhetoric

STUDENTS SAY “...”

Academics

Hanover College is a school that is brimming with opportunity. And with its “beautiful” campus and emphasis on “gaining real-life skills and making lifelong connections,” it’s easy to understand why students are drawn here. The vast majority of classes at Hanover are “small and discussion based,” and many also place “a heavy focus on writing.” While the academics can be challenging, students eagerly report that “many of the harder classes have tutors for that specific class.” Additionally, the Learning Center is always “willing to go over things with you, edit papers and more.” Importantly, it’s evident that Hanover professors “love what they teach...and that excitement often carries over to the student.” Indeed, they excel at “bring[ing] the material to life...and easily keep the attention of the class.” Just as essential, Hanover professors are also known to be “caring and down to earth” and “devoted to their students.” And, as this ecstatic art history major concludes, “Most of the professors on staff are part of the best people you will ever meet in life.”

Campus Life

While some undergrads grumble that “life at Hanover is pretty slow,” others steadfastly argue that “there are SO many things [with which] to be involved.” For starters, students can participate in “over sixty organizations” including “Adopt A Grandparent, Circle K Community Service, Best Buddies, and so many more.” Additionally, individuals who enjoy the arts will be delighted to hear that both “the theater department and the improv group...never disappoint [and] the choir and band concerts [are] always very enjoyable [as well].” For those that are more athletically inclined, we’re told that “when it’s warm out, students go hiking, play wiffleball, or...sand volleyball.” Many undergrads also gravitate to the Student Activities Center which offers “game tables, [a] theater room, televisions [and] study spots.” And, in the evenings, “chances are some club always has something planned—be it a movie showing [or] a poetry night!” Hanover also has a relatively robust party scene. Indeed, undergrads inform us that “Greek life is big on...campus.” And while there “are only four frats...they are a [major] part of [the] social life.” Finally, when students are looking for a break from the campus routine, they often head to nearby Madison or Louisville, which is a mere “forty-minute drive [away]” and the closest major city.

Student Body

Hanover is home to a “small, pretty laid back and surprising[ly] interesting community.” Indeed, while undergrads here admit that ethnic diversity “is still an issue,” they happily point out that you’ll find a wide array of personality types. Of course, the “majority of the students are committed to their academics and [strive to find] a balance between work and play.” Many Hanover undergrads “are also extremely passionate about the things in which they invest their time, whatever that may be, and encourage that passion in others.” It’s important to note that the college’s small size does make it “[easy] for cliques...to form.” However, we’re assured “it is also quite easy to break into the cliques if you are really interested in hanging out with certain groups of people.” This social ease can be attributed to the fact that Hanover features some of the “friendliest individuals that Indiana has to offer.” In fact, you are virtually guaranteed “to see a smiling face or to get a hello anywhere you walk on campus, whether it be from a fellow student or a faculty member.” As one satisfied economics major sums up, “We are all about making everyone feel welcome and making Hanover College home.”



THE PRINCETON REVIEW SAYS

Admissions

The school reports that its standardized testing policy for use in admission for Fall 2026 is Test Optional. The Princeton Review suggests that interested applicants consult with the school for the most up-to-date standardized testing policies. *Very important factors considered include:* academic GPA, talent/ability, level of applicant's interest. *Important factors considered include:* extracurricular activities, character/personal qualities, first generation, alumni/ae relation. *Other factors considered include:* rigor of secondary school record, class rank, standardized test scores, application essay, recommendation(s), interview, geographical residence, volunteer work, work experience. High school diploma is required and GED is accepted. *Academic units required:* 4 English, 3 math, 2 science, 1 science lab, 2 language (other than English), 2 social studies.

Financial Aid

Students should submit: FAFSA. The Princeton Review suggests that all financial aid forms be submitted as soon as possible. *Need-based scholarships/grants offered:* College/university scholarship or grant aid from institutional funds; Federal Pell; Federal SEOG; Private scholarships; State scholarships/grants. *Loan aid offered:* Direct PLUS loans; Federal Direct Subsidized Loans; Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans. Admitted students will be notified of awards on or about 3/1. Federal Work-Study Program available. Institutional employment available.

The Inside Word

Similar to many liberal arts college, Hanover takes a holistic approach to the admissions process. Certainly, the school closely evaluates your high school curriculum as well as your GPA. Standardized test scores are also considered, if submitted, though they hold less weight than your transcript. Beyond academics, admissions officers look at your extracurricular participation and community activities. Letters of recommendation and a writing sample will also be important. Further, expect Hanover to assess the strength of your high school.

THE SCHOOL SAYS

From the Admissions Office

"Since our founding in 1827, we have been committed to providing students with a personal, rigorous, and well-rounded liberal arts education. Part of the college search process is finding that school that proves to be a good match. For those who see the value in an education that demands engagement and who see college as a time for exploration and involvement, they will find that Hanover is all they could hope for and more.

"The admission process serves as an introduction to the personal education that students receive at Hanover College. Every application is considered individually with emphasis being placed on a student's high school curriculum and the student's academic performance in that curriculum. While we realize that not every high school has the same course offerings, we expect students to have selected a college preparatory curriculum as challenging as possible within his or her particular high school or academic setting.

"Hanover College optionally accepts both the SAT and ACT. Students taking the ACT are required to take the optional writing section. For students who have taken one or both of the tests multiple times, we will use the highest sub scores when calculating a student's score on either test for admission and scholarship purposes."

SELECTIVITY*

Admissions Rating	85
# of applicants	3,187
% of applicants accepted	74
% of acceptees attending	12
# of early decision applicants	35
% accepted early decision	89

First-Year Profile*

Testing policy	Test Optional
Range SAT composite	1100-1300
Range SAT EBRW	550-650
Range SAT math	540-620
Range ACT composite	24-29
% submitting SAT scores	21
% submitting ACT scores	14
Average HS GPA	3.8
% frosh submitting high school GPA	95
% graduated top 10% of class	23
% graduated top 25% of class	50
% graduated top 50% of class	90
% frosh submitting high school rank	59

Deadlines

Early decision	
Deadline	11/1
Notification	11/15
Other ED deadline	12/1
Other ED notification	Rolling
Early action	
Deadline	11/1
Notification	Rolling
Regular	
Deadline	8/30
Notification	Rolling, 10/1
Priority date	3/1
Nonfall registration?	Yes

FINANCIAL FACTS*

Financial Aid Rating	92
Annual tuition (first-year)	\$40,681 (\$42,003)
Food and housing	\$13,440
Required fees (first-year)	\$878 (\$891)
Books and supplies	\$1,200
Average need-based scholarship (frosh)	\$31,704 (\$30,349)
% students with need rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid (frosh)	100 (100)
% students with need rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid (frosh)	29 (23)
% students with need rec. need-based self-help aid (frosh)	72 (76)
% students rec. any financial aid (frosh)	100 (100)
% UG borrow to pay for school	79
Average cumulative indebtedness	\$23,714
% student need fully met (frosh)	36 (28)
Average % of student need met (frosh)	87 (82)

* Most currently reported data at time of printing. Scan the QR code to find the latest updates.