

# Rhodes College

## 2008-2009 Admissions Fact Sheets

### ADMISSIONS AND SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

<b>Early Decision I</b>		
	Application due	Nov. 1
	Notification	Dec. 1
	Deposit due	Dec. 15
<b>Early Decision II</b>		
	Application due	Jan. 1
	Notification	Feb. 1
	Deposit due	Feb. 15
<b>Regular Decision</b>		
	Applications due	Jan. 15
	Notification	Apr. 1
	Deposit due	May 1

### FINANCIAL AID DEADLINES

<b>CSS PROFILE</b>		
<b>Early Decision I</b>		
	Filed by	Nov. 1
	Notification	Dec. 10
<b>Early Decision II</b>		
	Filed by	Jan. 1
	Notification	Feb. 10
<b>All Regular Decision</b>		
	Filed by	Mar. 1
	Notification	Apr. 1

<b>FAFSA</b>		
<b>All Decision Options</b>		
	Filed by	Mar. 1
	Notification	Apr. 1

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION

- ∞ Student must complete in high school a minimum of 16 or more academic units including at least 4 years of English; 2 years of the same foreign language; 2 years of a lab science; 2 years of history or social science; and 3 years of math (1 year geometry and either 2 years algebra or 1 year of algebra and 1 year of advanced math). Applicants must submit scores from either the SAT or ACT, along with an official high school transcript, counselor recommendation, teacher recommendation, and a personal essay. Please note that we do not take into consideration the Writing portion of the SAT (only Math and Critical Reading scores are considered).
- ∞ Advanced Placement (AP) credit is usually given for scores of 4 or 5 on AP exam.
- ∞ International Baccalaureate (IB) credit is given for scores of 5, 6, or 7 on Higher Level Exams.
- ∞ Except for homeschooled students, Rhodes does not require subject tests (currently called "SAT II" tests). Homeschooled students, however, must submit two SAT II Subject Tests in areas other than English or Math.

<b>Profile of the class entering in the Fall of 2008</b>	
ACT middle 50% range	26-30
SAT middle 50% range	1200-1360
54% of students were in the top 10% of their high school class	
Mean G.P.A. is	3.74

## COST AND FINANCIAL AID

<b>2008-2009 Cost</b>	
Tuition & Fees	\$ 32,446
Room & Board	<u>7,842 (approximately)</u>
	\$ 40,288
Books, personal expenses and transportation: \$2,500 (estimated)	

- ∞ Students applying for need-based assistance must file the College Scholarship Services PROFILE as well as the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Both are available in students' high school guidance offices.
- ∞ More than 75% of all Rhodes students receive some form of financial assistance. The average need-based financial aid package of students who qualify for need-based aid is more than \$23,000/year.
- ∞ Rhodes no longer awards "scholarships" – we award "fellowships." Fellowships provide students with greater opportunities for internships, research and service learning, especially during their junior and senior years. Rhodes awards over 150 renewable competitive fellowships that range from \$5,000 to the full cost of tuition, room and board. The average award for students receiving a competitive fellowship is about \$12,400/year.
- ∞ Special fellowships that focus on a particular area exist: Bonner Service Fellowship, Fine Arts Fellowship, CODA (Center for the Outreach and Development of the Arts) Fellowship, Taylor Physics Fellowship. These require an additional application, interview, and/or audition.

## USEFUL FACTS ABOUT RHODES

- ∞ Rhodes is a coeducational, undergraduate college of liberal arts and sciences founded in 1848 and affiliated with the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.
- ∞ Rhodes is one of the few small colleges in the country ranked "highly competitive" to offer the benefits of a metropolitan setting. Rhodes is increasingly known for uniquely combining a challenging academic curriculum with an emphasis on career preparation in an environment that fosters the development of values.
- ∞ Just under 1700 students; 58% women, 42% men, 24% in-state, 76% out-of-state. In our entering class this fall, 40 states and 9 countries are represented.
- ∞ Average class size is 13; 20% of all classes have fewer than 10 students; 93% have less than 30.
- ∞ There are approximately 175 total faculty (full time and part time) at Rhodes. The student to faculty ratio is 11:1. Of the 130 or so full-time faculty, 95% have a PhD or other terminal degree; 60% are tenured.
- ∞ 5-year average graduate school acceptance rates: medical school – 92% (for students who score above 26 on MCAT), law school - 100%, business school – 100%, divinity school – 100%, MA/MS/PhD – 94%.
- ∞ The academic calendar consists of two fifteen-week semesters.
- ∞ 24 major areas of study and 7 interdisciplinary majors lead to the B.A. and B.S. degrees. Minors are available in almost all departments.
- ∞ Study Abroad Opportunities include European Studies; Gulf Coast Research Laboratory; The Washington Semester; British Studies at Oxford; Continental Europe; Buenos Aires and Santiago; summer language programs in Spain, Mexico, France, and Russia; and exchange programs in Germany, Spain, France, Scotland, Belgium, Peru and South Africa. 60% of last year's graduating class studied abroad.

- ∞ Internships are available in all areas of study. 75% of students complete an internship.

## CAMPUS LIFE

- ∞ 75% of students live on campus. First and second year students are required to live on campus. All students may have cars on campus.
- ∞ Student Health Services are open Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; visits with a doctor available by appointment. In case of medical emergencies, Rhodes is located five minutes from several hospitals.
- ∞ 24-hour patrol by trained safety officers; escorts available. The campus is surrounded by a fence and access is controlled at night. Residence halls are locked at all times. Each student is assigned a room key and a key fob that opens the front doors of all residence halls, as well as pedestrian gates.
- ∞ Students participate in more than 100 different organizations including publications, student government, social service organization, religious groups, academic clubs, and Greek organizations.
- ∞ The student-run Activities Board plans campus-wide events throughout the year including bands, movies, singers, comedians and magicians.
- ∞ 7 national fraternities; 7 national sororities, including three traditionally African-American sororities. Approximately 50% of students are involved in Greek life. Students do not live in fraternity or sorority houses.

## ATHLETICS

- ∞ NCAA Division III; men and women compete in the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference. No athletic scholarships are awarded.
- ∞ Varsity men's sports are baseball, basketball, cross-country, football, golf, soccer, swimming, tennis, and track
- ∞ Varsity women's sports are basketball, cross-country, field hockey, golf, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track, volleyball
- ∞ 75% of students take part in the intramural sports program through out the year.
- ∞ Club sports include Cheerleading, Crew, Dance Team, Fencing, Lacrosse, Outdoor Organization, and Ultimate Frisbee.
- ∞ The \$22.5 million Bryan Campus Life Center houses a 7000 square feet free weight and nautilus facility, 4 full size basketball courts, 3 racquetball courts, 3 international squash courts, and 2 aerobics rooms.

## WHAT'S NEW AT RHODES

- ∞ Barret Library, a state-of-the-art \$42 million facility, made possible by a major gift from the Paul Barret, Jr. Trust opened August 2005. The facility, equipped for both wireless and wired technology, features a 24-hour study space, group study rooms, along with vastly improved facilities for study and library collections. Also included in the Barrett Library are areas for peer-tutoring and writing assistance, computer laboratories, a teaching/learning technology laboratory and a Media Center.
- ∞ In 2005-06, the McCoy Theatre underwent a \$2.3 million renovation, which doubled the size of the theatre. In the summer of 2007, the Lynx Lair was fully renovated to resemble an English style pub and it includes expanded food services and a bar.
- ∞ The Center for the Outreach and Development of the Arts (CODA) program, created with a \$4.9 million grant from the Priddy Trust, is for students with a passion for the fine arts. The 16 CODA Scholars comprise a core of the artistic community within Rhodes. Each scholar receives a scholarship of \$12,500 and participates in a 10 hour a week mentored leadership and development program for future leaders in the arts.
- ∞ In January 2009, the Burrow Center for Student Opportunity will open as a one-stop-shop for all student services. Creating ease of access and opportunities for students, the Center will house such offices as Admissions, Financial Aid, Bursar, Registrar, Career Services, Disability Services, and more.