



## John Carroll University

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"The willingness to take on a world vision is a choice we make, and it is not just the result of our experience. Without the opportunity to know people whose lived experience is very different from our own, the option of choosing to embrace the world and to include that reality in our vision is difficult."  
- University President, Robert L. Niehoff, S.J

## About John Carroll University

For 125 years, John Carroll University has been focused on graduating students with intellect and character in the Jesuit tradition of educational excellence. Located in the beautiful, safe Cleveland suburb of University Heights, our 64-acre campus is easy to navigate and offers state-of-the-art facilities including the Dolan Center for Science and Technology, a newly-renovated TV studio and media lab, and fitness centers for organized sports and recreation. We offer 70 distinct fields of study (majors) and a wide array of other academic concentrations that enrich our students and add depth and flexibility to their studies. Admission is selective, and focused on maintaining our excellent success rates for students graduating in four years.

### Distinctions

- **John Carroll ranks #7 among universities in the U.S. Midwest.** 2012 marks the 23rd consecutive year that the University has been named in the top 10 institutions in this category, *U.S. News and World Report*.
- **#3 ranking in the "Schools with a Strong Commitment to Teaching"** category, *U.S. News and World Report*.
- **#6 in "Great Schools, Great Prices"** (U.S. News and World Report)
- Our business programs are **AACSB accredited**, placing us in the top 11% of the business programs worldwide.
- Our internationally-renowned **Boler School of Business is ranked #62 in the United States** by *BusinessWeek Magazine*.
- **Ranked #148 among America's Best Colleges** by *Forbes Magazine*.
- One of 153 colleges ranked as "**Best in the Midwest**," *Princeton Review*.

### Our Campus

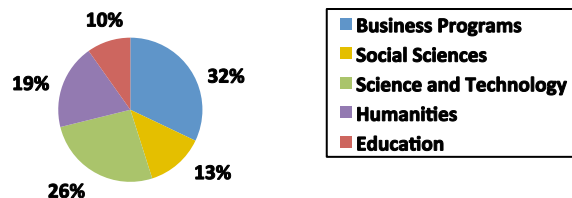


- **Technology.** JCU offers state-of-the-art technology access to students and a completely wireless campus.
- **Research.** Our campus library is partnered with all University libraries in the state of Ohio. Students have access through this network to 48 million books, millions of electronic articles, 12,000 electronic journals, e-books and over 140 electronic research databases.
- **Living arrangements.** Residence Halls (dormitories) on campus house over 90% of first and second year students. Near campus, ample private apartments (many owned by the University) are within walking distance to campus, area grocery stores, and shops.
- **Fitness and recreation.** We offer Hampton free-weights, Cybex circuit machines, Stairmasters, life cycles, treadmills, and ellipticals in our campus facilities. Racquetball courts and the RecPlex Intramural Gymnasium are also quite popular in students' daily routines.
- **Getting around.** Campus bus shuttle service brings students to nearby shopping malls, cinemas, grocery stores, and restaurants seven days a week.
- **Dining.** The *Fresh Food Company* at our campus Dining Hall features cutting-edge exhibition cooking, authentic ethnic dishes, American favorites, and a great variety of healthy/vegetarian options prepared right before your eyes, ensuring that your dining program in no way resembles a cafeteria.

### Students

- The university enrolls nearly 3,000 undergraduates and 700 graduate students across our degree programs.
- JCU class sizes are small, rarely exceeding 35 students and focused on discussion rather than a lecture format.
- Students are enrolled from 29 U.S. states and 35 countries.
- Nearly 100 recognized student organizations on campus. Most popular organizations: Intramural and Club sports, Student Union (student government), WJCU Radio, *The Carroll News* newspaper, fraternities and sororities, and student volunteer work.

### Popular Areas of Study



**Most common majors:** Psychology; Communication; Marketing; Biology; Political Science; Education; Accounting; Management.

### Faculty

- 189 full-time Faculty: 96% possess the highest degree possible in their field. All faculty teach undergraduate students. The University uses very few graduate assistants to teach classes.
- Our caring faculty serve as Academic Advisors to students and offer personal support and monitor student progress throughout their time at JCU. All international students are guaranteed a faculty member with a Ph.D. to serve as their advisor throughout their course of studies.

### Cleveland, Ohio

- Cleveland is an ethnically-diverse and culturally-rich home to many groups - from Eastern European immigrants in the early 1900s, to an influx of Chinese, Indian, Latino, Middle Eastern, and Vietnamese residents over the last 30 years.
- Home of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame
- Home of Playhouse Square, the nation's second largest theatre district
- The world-renowned Cleveland Orchestra, Severance Hall, and Cleveland Museum of Art are just a short bus ride from John Carroll.
- Professional sports: the Cleveland Cavaliers (NBA basketball), Cleveland Browns (American NFL football), and the Cleveland Indians (baseball)
- A wonderful range of shopping opportunities, from upscale malls near John Carroll, to the city's famous West Side Market
- Called the "Emerald Necklace," the Cleveland Metro Park system is a beautiful and diverse network of 22,000 acres (89 km<sup>2</sup>) that features walking, bicycle, and horse trails, parks, picnic areas, five nature education centers, and seven golf courses.
- John Carroll is linked to eleven other universities in greater Cleveland (including Case Western Reserve University) allowing students to sample coursework at various institutions.

## Admission Process

Candidates for undergraduate admission who officially reside in a country other than the United States of America must submit the following items before an admissions decision will be made. John Carroll is a member of The Common Application. Over 400 U.S. colleges accept this one application for admission, allowing students to apply to many institutions by completing the one form.

Please visit [www.jcu.edu/international](http://www.jcu.edu/international) for JCU specific forms and advice on completing this application.

## Steps to Applying

1. **Visit the Common Application website: [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org) and complete the full application with written essay/personal statement.** A printed/paper and an online version are available. There is no application fee for John Carroll associated with the Common Application. The essay/personal statement is part of the Common Application form and not a separate requirement.
2. **Send your official transcripts and secondary school records.** Official transcripts of all secondary and post-secondary education must be sent. In cases where your transcripts are in a language other than English, the original transcripts should be submitted along with English translations and U.S. grading scale (4.0) equivalencies.
3. **Send results of standardized testing.** International students interested in Fall or Spring semester admission and who have not taken courses in English-speaking schools are required to submit results of standardized testing from either the TOEFL or IELTS:
  - **TOEFL** (preferred minimum scores: 79 Internet-based or 550 paper-based)
  - **IELTS** (preferred minimum score: 6.5)

Students comfortable with the English language can submit results of standardized testing from either the College Board **SAT** or **ACT** (required subject area tests and Writing Test). Students not meeting our preferred minimum testing requirements may be asked to complete an additional in-person or Skype interview for admission consideration.

4. **Provide a copy of your passport.**

\* Students who are accepted to the University will also be required to turn in a completed **Financial Guarantee Statement**. This statement and the copy of your passport are required in order for JCU to process and issue the necessary paperwork for students to obtain a student visa (I-20 and DS 20 19 forms). Immigration laws require international students on a student visa (F-1 or J-1) to carry a full course of study (at least 12 credit hours) in every semester of the academic year in order to maintain valid visa status.

## Application Deadlines

1. **International Priority Deadline:** February 1<sup>st</sup>
2. **Regular Fall Semester (classes begin in late August):** May 1<sup>st</sup>
3. **Spring Semester (classes begin in January):** October 1<sup>st</sup>

## Costs

Tuition & Fees.....	US\$35,930
Room & Meals .....	US\$10,040
<b>Total Resident Cost.....</b>	<b>US\$46,020</b>

### Average Student Expenses (annually)

Books & Supplies.....	US\$1,500
Other Expenses.....	US\$1,500

\*One-time New Student Orientation Fee..... US\$ 725

## Financial Support

International students are eligible for all university scholarship programs that are detailed on the university website. Available academic and mission-based scholarships range from US\$7,500 - \$22,500 and from US\$3,000 - \$5,000 per year, respectively.

For students needing additional support to choose John Carroll beyond academic scholarships, they should submit the **International Student Application for Financial Aid**. This form can be found online and is required for any additional university funds and for on-campus student employment opportunities.

## Soft Landings

Soft Landings is not just a series of programs, but it is also our philosophy on how the University approaches working with international students. No two students are alike in the talents they bring to campus and the experience they will have in adjusting to our campus and studies in the United States. Soft Landings is our way of making sure each student has a smooth transition to campus when it comes to cultural preparation, conversation and written skills, and transitioning to an American education system that is heavily discussion-based. JCU strives to take care of each individual and establish a great foundation for success. Visit [www.jcu.edu/international](http://www.jcu.edu/international) to learn more about this program.

Some key features of the Soft Landings program at John Carroll:

- **On-campus orientation.** Students will move-in early to JCU and have time to adjust to a new city/country before coursework begins. They will have time to meet faculty and staff, adjust to the culture before classes begin, and have the opportunity to meet other students. The goal is for them to feel welcome and comfortable before the semester begins, and to have a fundamental understanding of how to navigate our campus and our academics.
- **First semester support.** All international students are assigned an academic advisor that will assist in course registration each semester and be available for dedicated meetings to discuss academic progress. Assigned peer mentors also serve as students' personal counselor and guide to the campus, community, and academics. Each international student will be assigned a specially selected U.S. roommate who has indicated interest in learning about international issues and cultures. Additionally, all international freshmen will reside together, with their U.S. roommates, in a residential learning community where they can mutually support each other.
- **In-country orientation and transition.** JCU will sponsor an interactive information session led by JCU staff and faculty in countries where larger numbers of new students will be enrolling. The goal of this session is to help students prepare for studies in the U.S., register for their first semester of courses, and learn about Cleveland and the JCU campus prior to their journey.

## Contact Information

Information about the application process and financial aid:

Information about transition to campus and general student support questions:

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