A nationally recognized independent university known for its exceptional student learning experiences, Butler University comprises a College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and five professional colleges: College of Education, College of Business, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Jordan College of the Arts, and College of Communication.

Butler is committed to its mission of providing the highest quality of liberal and professional education and integrating the liberal arts with professional education, by creating and fostering a stimulating intellectual community built upon interactive dialogue and inquiry among students, faculty, and staff.

In the 2015 “Best Colleges” edition of *U.S. News & World Report*, Butler was listed as one of the nation’s best in five categories: the first-year student experience, internships, study abroad, service learning, and undergraduate research. Butler was one of only three schools in the United States recognized in five or more categories, and was recognized in more categories than all other Indiana schools combined.

Such recognition reflects Butler’s dedication to providing students with a broad, liberal arts foundation with nationally recognized programs, coupled with countless experiential learning opportunities in Indianapolis and beyond. Through this comprehensive approach, Butler students are prepared to step directly into a career or graduate school with confidence, as is evident in our current graduate success rate of 95 percent.

**Student Learning**

In furtherance of its teaching and learning goals, Butler has established learning outcomes for all students. The outcomes are assessed in students’ coursework and elsewhere throughout their undergraduate years, yielding continued refinements and improvement in teaching. The University learning outcomes are that students will:

- Know how to find, understand, analyze, synthesize, evaluate, and use information, employing technology as appropriate
- Explore a variety of cultures
- Recognize the relationship between the natural world and broader societal issues
- Communicate clearly and effectively
- Demonstrate collaborative behavior with others
- Practice ways and means of physical well-being
- Make informed, rational, and ethical choices
- Appreciate diverse cultures, ethnicities, religions, and sexual orientations
- Share their talents with Butler and the greater community at large
- Be exposed to the value of lifelong learning

Students are afforded ample opportunities to achieve these learning outcomes through a combination of courses—both in the major and in the Core Curriculum—and through co-curricular experiences.

**A History of Inclusiveness, Diversity, and Equality**

From the beginning, Butler has been ahead of its time among institutions of higher education for its commitment to racial and gender equality. The University was chartered as North Western Christian University by abolitionist Disciples of Christ members, who wanted a university away from the “pernicious influences of slavery.” Upon establishment in 1855, the University immediately began setting educational precedents:

- Butler admitted students representing all minorities, and has continued to do so throughout its history. Butler’s first documented African American graduate was Gertrude Amelia Mahorney, who graduated in 1887 and subsequently taught in the Indianapolis Public Schools.
- Women were admitted on an equal basis with men—a first for Indiana—and Butler was only the second university in the nation to do so. The first woman to graduate from the full four-year program, in 1862, was Demia Butler, daughter of founder Ovid Butler.
- Butler was also the first university in the state to allow its students, with parental consent, to choose subjects suited to their needs under a new “elective” system.
• In 1870, Butler became the first university in the nation to establish an endowed chair specifically for a female professor (Catharine Merrill, English literature), and only the second university to appoint a woman to the faculty. Professor Merrill also was the first to use the lecture method for any subject other than science.
• The country’s first chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho, a sorority for African American women, was founded on the Butler campus in 1922.

When Butler University opened its doors in 1855, 20 students were enrolled, taught by two faculty members. Today, Butler is an independent university with a total full-time enrollment of nearly 4,600 students (more than 4,200 undergraduates and approximately 360 graduate students) and 417 faculty members. True to the vision of its founders, the University emphasizes the warmth and sense of community characteristic of a small liberal arts institution while offering the educational and cultural advantages of an urban center. The University maintains a favorable student-to-faculty ratio of 11:1. Because of its size, Butler can offer its students opportunities to work closely with the faculty. Classes are small, and students are encouraged to seek out faculty in their offices, studios, or laboratories. Undergraduate research and independent study are encouraged. Although Butler professors are teaching faculty, they understand that first-rate teaching must be complemented with scholarly activity that extends the boundaries of knowledge.

Butler students currently represent 46 states and 56 countries, reflecting diverse cultures, interests, aspirations, personalities, and experiences. Students can join one of approximately 140 student organizations, 14 Greek organizations, and 19 varsity athletic teams. More than 94 percent of Butler students are involved in campus activities; 69 percent participate in community service. As it has since its founding, Butler continues to both value tradition and embrace innovation.

The Campus
Butler’s 295-acre campus, within a historic north-side Indianapolis neighborhood, comprises nearly 30 buildings, playing fields, and a nature preserve. Located five miles from the heart of the city, the campus offers easy access to downtown. Its urban location allows Butler to offer students a wide range of internship opportunities that are excellent preparation for careers and graduate schools. In addition, full-time faculty in several disciplines, such as accounting, journalism, and instrumental music, are supplemented with adjunct instructors, drawing on the resources of professionals in the surrounding community.

Campus facilities include:
• Jordan Hall, built in 1927 and now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In addition to housing several departments of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the College of Education, the building incorporates computer labs, an electronic language laboratory, administrative and faculty offices, alumni and parent programs, student accounts, registration, and classrooms.
• Fairbanks Center for Communication and Technology, home to Computer Sciences and the College of Communication, which includes the Eugene S. Pulliam School of Journalism.
• Gallahue Hall, which houses the departments of Biological Sciences, Chemistry, and Physics and Astronomy, and provides extensive facilities and equipment for faculty and student research.
• The Holcomb Building, home to the College of Business as well as the Ruth Lilly Science Library and the Butler Business Accelerator.
• The Pharmacy and Health Sciences Building, a facility that includes state-of-the-art laboratories, classrooms, and technology in support of student and faculty collaboration.
• Butler Arts Complex, which incorporates Lilly Hall, housing the programs of the Jordan College of the Arts; Clowes Memorial Hall, a 2,220-seat multipurpose hall for the performing arts; and the Howard L. Schrott Center for the Arts, a 450-seat theatre that provides performance and exhibition space for the theatre, dance, music, and visual arts programs.
• Irwin Library, which provides basic research tools and holds the majority of the University’s more than 350,000 volumes of books, bound periodicals, and manuscripts. Butler Libraries also offer approximately 100,000 e-books, access to 200 online databases, and 35,000 online journals and magazines.
• Atherton Union, which incorporates the University bookstore, food service operations, a 24-hour computer lab, meeting rooms, and student lounges. Additional facilities include the Efroymson Diversity Center, Internship and Career Services, the Division of Student Affairs,
the Office of International Student Services, and offices for residence life, Greek life, and student leadership and service.

- Campus housing, including **Residential College**, Ross Hall, Schwitzer Hall, **University Terrace**, the **Apartment Village** (for juniors and seniors), and fraternity and sorority houses. A new student residence was under construction at time of the Bulletin’s publication and was expected to open in fall 2016.
- **Holcomb Observatory and Planetarium.** The observatory’s 38-inch telescope is one of the largest in the state.
- **Robertson Hall**, which houses the offices of Admission, Financial Aid, Marketing and Communications, and the Eidson-Duckwall Recital Hall.
- **Hinkle Fieldhouse.** The historic 9,100-seat fieldhouse, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is the home of Butler basketball and volleyball teams, the human movement and health science education program, and spring commencement ceremonies.
- The **Butler Bowl**, the site of Butler football and soccer.
- **A Health and Recreation Complex**, which houses an aquatic and fitness center, in addition to counseling services, health education, and health services.
- **Holcomb Gardens**, a 20-acre scenic area that abuts Indianapolis’ Central Canal and towpath, a favorite walking, jogging, and bicycling route for students.
- Athletic fields, **CUE Farm**, and the Butler Prairie nature preserve, linked to the main campus by two pedestrian bridges across the Central Canal.
- A multi-use parking facility, with 1,033 parking spaces and 17,000 square feet of retail space, opening in fall 2015.

### Indianapolis

Butler University remains deeply committed to serving its community. Clowes Memorial Hall and Jordan College of the Arts fulfill a cultural responsibility by presenting a vast array of performing arts and spoken-word programs open to the public; many of these programs offer enrichment to area elementary and secondary students. Indianapolis schools, corporations, and cultural organizations benefit from the University’s cooperation, and student interns serve in a wide variety of Central Indiana businesses, governmental offices, nonprofit agencies, schools, hospitals, and pharmacies. Butler seeks to continue to strengthen its partnership with a vital, growing city and region.

Indianapolis is the 12th-largest city in the United States, with a metropolitan-area population of more than 1.9 million. In recent years, the city has emerged as a leader in science, medicine, research, technology, and sports. Pharmaceutical giant Eli Lilly and Company is located in the city, as are top-ranked regional hospitals. Many performing arts companies call Indianapolis home. Museum offerings include the world’s largest children’s museum, the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art, Conner Prairie, and the nearby Indianapolis Museum of Art. Widely known for the annual 500-mile race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the city has two major league professional sports teams, and it also has hosted hundreds of national and international amateur sporting events.