History/Location: The University of Delaware (UD), a state-assisted institution, is a Land Grant, Sea Grant, Space Grant, 2015 Carnegie Doctoral University – Highest Research Activity (R1). In 2015, UD received the Carnegie Community Engagement classification. The University, with origins in 1743, was chartered by the State of Delaware in 1833. A Women's College was opened in 1914, and in 1945 UD became permanently coeducational. The University is located in Newark, Delaware, a suburban community of nearly 33,000, situated midway between Philadelphia and Baltimore. Courses are also offered in Wilmington and at other locations throughout the State, including Dover, Georgetown, and Lewes.

Academic Schools, Programs, and Degrees: Agriculture and Natural Resources; Arts and Sciences; Business and Economics; Earth, Ocean, and Environment; Education and Human Development; Engineering; and Health Sciences. UD offers 3 associate’s programs, 140 bachelor's programs, 121 master's programs (with 15 joint degrees offered within), and 61 doctoral programs. In 2014-15, UD awarded 325 associate's degrees, 4,077 bachelor's degrees, 889 master's degrees, and 274 doctoral degrees. Doctoral and professional degrees are awarded in Agriculture, Biomechanics and Movement Science, Business and Economics, Computer Science, Education, Engineering, Human Development and Family Studies, Marine Studies, Nursing, Physical Therapy, and a range of Arts & Sciences disciplines (including Art History, Biological Sciences, Chemistry and Biochemistry, English, History, Linguistics and Cognitive Science, Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Political Science and International Relations, Psychology, Sociology, and Urban Affairs and Public Policy).

Institutional Accreditation: The University of Delaware is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104, 267-284-5000. The University's accreditation was reaffirmed in 2011 and its next self-study evaluation is scheduled for 2016. The regional, national and specialized accrediting organizations that accredit UD’s programs and degrees appear at the end of this book.
Employees: In 2015-16, there are 4,343 total employees, including 1,250 faculty, 1,851 exempt staff, 837 non-exempt staff, and 405 hourly staff. 95% of employees are employed full-time.

Faculty: In 2015-16, there are 1,207 full-time faculty positions. More than 81% of full-time tenure-eligible faculty are tenured and over 90% of full-time faculty hold the doctorate or terminal professional degree in their field. Average total compensation (includes benefits) in 2015-16 is $193,711 for Full Professors, $138,501 for Associate Professors, and $117,583 for Assistant Professors.

Enrollment: Fall 2015 unduplicated enrollment totals 22,852 which include 17,575 undergraduates, 778 Associate in Arts students, 3,752 graduate students, and 747 professional and continuing studies students. 17,533 (96%) of undergraduate and 3,006 (80%) of graduate students are enrolled on a full-time basis. 42% of undergraduate students are male. 62% of undergraduate and 79% of graduate students are from out-of-state. 15% of undergraduate and 11% of graduate students are underrepresented minority students. Almost all (94%) of first-time first-year students and approximately 42% of undergraduate students live in residence halls.

Admissions/Retention: Approximately 25,000 students applied to the University of Delaware for Fall 2015 enrollment. 4,492 (27%) first-time freshmen accepted their admission offers. Average SAT score (critical reading plus mathematics) for first-time Newark Campus freshmen was 1216. On average, more than 92% of Newark Campus freshmen return for their sophomore year and 81% graduate within six years.

Costs: Annual full-time undergraduate tuition and fees for 2015-16 are $12,520 (in-state) and $31,420 (out-of-state). Room and board is $11,830. Total undergraduate costs for 2015-16 are $24,350 (in-state) and $43,250 (out-of-state).

Finances: For Fiscal Year 2015, Total Operating Revenues were $953.4 million, including $117.0 million (12%) from State Appropriations. Total Operating Expenses and Transfers were $953.4 million. Expenditures for Externally Sponsored Activity totaled $201.5 million.

Alumni: In Fiscal Year 2015 (July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015) there were 169,632 living University of Delaware undergraduate and graduate alumni. This total represents all 50 states and several countries, with 73.9% living in the Mid-Atlantic (New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Washington D.C., Virginia and West Virginia). U.S. News & World Report reported that in FY14 8.8% of undergraduate alumni financially supported the University. Their gifts contributed to the University’s successful fundraising year of more than $54 million raised.

Economic Impact: The University of Delaware has a strong legacy of impact within the State of Delaware. According to the Center for Applied Business and Economic Research, for every state dollar invested in the University, spending by the UD community and companies assisted by UD along with the money then re-spent in the economy have a combined effect of $6.2 billion in spending within the state. This overall impact supports more than 61,000 jobs in Delaware.

Institutional Affiliations: UD is a member of the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities (APLU) and the Colonial Academic Alliance (CAA). In athletics, UD began NCAA Division I competition in 1973 for men and 1982 for women. UD currently competes in the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) for all sports. Football competes at the Championship Subdivision level, and all other sports compete at the Division I level.