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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Liberty University is a Christian college that exists to raise up and train Champions for Christ. There are over 16,000 residential students as well as a large scale online attendance with over 100,000 students enrolled in accredited law schools, medical schools, and much more. Liberty is known for its community, with students having opportunities to be on hall leadership, participate in intramurals and clubs, and go on mission across the country. When it comes to life in the classroom, every professor is intentional and really cares for each and every student. Liberty aims for every student to leave with career experience and a resume to help find a job when they graduate.

Liberty is the place to be to grow and foster a Christian community of young adults. From worshipping with thousands of 18-25 year olds to cheering on Liberty athletics, there is no college experience compared to what this university has to offer.



ABOUT LYNCHBURG:

Lynchburg, Virginia, is a city that honors its history while looking ahead to the future- a dynamic urban center that cultivates a strong sense of community, offers economic opportunities for all residents, and is supported by an efficient, results-driven local government.

Located in the heart of the state, Lynchburg spans 50 square miles and sits at the foot of the stunning Blue Ridge Mountains. The city is about 180 miles southwest of Washington, D.C.

Offering of cultural. а wide array educational. and recreational opportunities, Lynchburg features 12 parks, 24 playgrounds, eight community centers, an Olympic-sized pool, 34 tennis courts, and 26 baseball diamonds. The city also provides outdoor enthusiasts with areas for hiking in the Blue Ridge Mountains or on the Appalachian Trail, swimming and boating on Smith Mountain Lake- one of the largest man-made lakes in the U.S., skiing at nearby Wintergreen Resort, or enjoying a minor league baseball game at the city-owned stadium.

In addition, Lynchburg offers a variety of wonderful restaurants, coffee shops, and ice cream parlors around town. Ringing in the crowd for any craving you have, Lynchburg will satisfy your cravings for food, hobbies, and cultural living.

Population

Total Population: 79,535

This it the total population of Lynchburg as of 2023. On top of this, Lynchburg receives attendance for events and activities from neighboring counties such as Amherst, Bedford, and Appomattox. Lynchburg offers a diverse background of residents. Interestingly, around 50% of the population are single females.

(Census Bureau, n.d.)



Cost of Living

The national average price for buying a home is \$281,900, whereas the average home price in Lynchburg is \$195,598. This makes Lynchburg a more affordable option compared to similarly sized metropolitan areas.

(U.S. News & World Report, n.d.)

Social & Political Climate

Lynchburg's political landscape is actively addressing a wide range of important issues, from economic development to environmental sustainability. As the city grows and evolves, the local government is dedicated to building a brighter future for all its residents.

The political climate in Lynchburg is leaning liberal.

(Lynchburg, VA Voting, n.d.)

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Overview of Liberty

History

Liberty University was birthed as a vision of Jerry Falwell Sr, the notable evangelical preacher. He wanted to create a place where students could be trained to excel in their chosen careers in order the further the mission of Jesus Christ. This is where Liberty University was born in 1971. It began on the mountain that Jerry had prayed over for years. There were many obstacles in those beginning years. Lack of funding, facilities, and faculty presented challenges only the Lord could overcome. Beginning with just 154 students meeting in borrowed or makeshift buildings. Liberty has now grown to over 16,000 residential students living and learning on 7,000 sprawling acres of that same mountain.





Liberty Today

Liberty has grown exponentially in the 50 years since its founding. Liberty is now one of the largest Christian Universities in the country. with 15 different colleges of study and over 700 programs. Their outstanding online program boasts over 130,000 students learning across the world. Liberty also offers an impressive 20 NCAA Division 1 athletic programs. With its wide variety of success in academic, spiritual, and campus life, Liberty takes pride in the way that they train their students to be Champions for Christ. Liberty's weekly Convocation gathering is the largest weekly gathering of Christian students in the world. Here, students are given the opportunity to learn from national leaders in a variety of notable industries. The widely successful Liberty University is a testament to one mans vision fulfilled through the power of God.

Spiritual Life

Liberty University is a Christian University, with the mission of 'Training Champions for Christ'

"We affirm that the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, though written by men, was supernaturally inspired by God so that all its words are the written true revelation of God; it is therefore inerrant in the originals and authoritative in all matters. It is to be understood by all through the illumination of the Holy Spirit, its meaning determined by the historical, grammatical, and literary use of the author's language, comparing Scripture with Scripture."

"We affirm that Jesus Christ offered Himself as a sacrifice by the appointment of the Father. He fulfilled the demands of God by His obedient life, died on the cross in full substitution and payment for the sins of all people, was buried, and on the third day He arose physically and bodily from the dead. He ascended into heaven where He now intercedes for all believers." (Liberty, 2025)



Convocation

Convocation is the assembling of Liberty's student body to Worship, fellowship, learn and deepen the understanding of Christ. Convocation meets Wednesday and Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m. This is an opportunity for students to continue to grow in their faith and hear from well-known speakers such as Louie Giglio, Marco Rubio, David Platt. Mike Pence. and more. Liberty University offers two opportunities for Spiritual development open to all students. Convocation is used to further the mission of 'Training Champions for Christ' by helping students learn and defend their beliefs based on Biblical truth.



Campus Community

Campus Community takes place on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. and offers another opportunity for Students to gather, worship, and be educated on God's word. Campus Community utilizes a series of studies performed over the course of the semester, focusing on various areas of Spiritual growth.

Academic Life

Beliefs and Accreditation

"Education as the process of teaching and learning, involves the whole person, by developing the knowledge, values, and skills which enable each individual to change freely. Thus it occurs most effectively when both instructor and student are properly related to God and each other through Christ." (Liberty)

Liberty University is an accredited University through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), and therefore is authorized to award associate, baccalaureate, masters, educational specialist, and doctorate degrees, as well as certificates at approved degree levels.

Jerry Falwell Library

Part of academic success depends on the resources available, which is why Liberty's Jerry Falwell Library (JFL) "promotes learning, discovery, and research by providing robust resources, engaging instruction, flexible spaces, and outstanding services to the Liberty University

community." The JFL includes:

- "3,173,299 electronic and physical items
- 2,745,024 e-books, video and audio streams, digital scores, etc.
- 428,275 books, DVDs, CDs, scores, models, and non-traditional items (e.g., tools, cookware, games, hammocks, exercise equipment, etc.)
- 246,520 unique journals, magazines, newspapers, and other periodicals
- 449 multidisciplinary and specialized databases" (Liberty)



Education

Liberty University offers over 350 residential programs of study in 15 colleges and schools: Aeronautics, Applied Studies and Academic Success, Arts and Sciences,

Behavioral Sciences, Business, Communication and the Arts, Divinity, Education, Engineering, Health Sciences, Government, Law, Music, Nursing, and Osteopathic Medicine. With a student/professor ratio of 18:1, Liberty offers a unique personalized

education experience. Academic success is a priority, which is why Liberty offers the following services for students: Academic Mentoring, General Education, Professional Advising, Success Courses, Tutoring Services, and a Writing Center.

Campus Life



Liberty offers an array of fun activities and experiences throughout their campus. Student activities is always hosting fun events including open mic nights, themed bingo, gaming competitions, and movie nights in the Vines Center! With every holiday comes plenty of fun events such as Coffeehouse, the campus wide talent show! Student activities is designed to give students a chance to relax and enjoy fellowship and fun with their peers

Even beyond the main campus are Hydaway and Snowflex! Camp Hydaway offers trails for mountain biking, ziplining, boating, and beach volleyball courts. There are even spots for hammocking and fishing. Snowflex offers a turf ski and snowboarding experience as well as tubing. There is also a professional grade trampoline and a beautiful lodge for students to work on homework or host events for their hall.

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Discover the incredible opportunities waiting for you at Liberty University, where faith and learning unite to help you thrive academically and personally. Since 1971, Liberty has been committed to developing Christ-centered leaders with the knowledge, values, and skills needed to make a lasting impact in the world. With world-class faculty, cutting-edge resources, and a vibrant campus community, Liberty provides an environment where you can pursue your dreams, grow in your faith, and develop leadership skills that will shape the future.

Founded by Jerry Falwell Sr., Liberty is built on a vision of empowering men and women from all fields- doctors, lawyers, entrepreneurs, and more- to change the world for Christ. At Liberty, you're not just earning a degree; you're preparing to make a difference. Take the next step toward becoming a leader who will impact the world.

Apply to Liberty University today and start shaping your future in a Christcentered environment!

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