Alfred University at a Glance

Character
Selective, nonsectarian university comprised of the Colleges of Liberal Arts & Sciences and Business, the School of Art & Design, the Inamori School of Engineering, and the Graduate School

History
Founded in 1836 - oldest coeducational institution in New York and the second oldest in the nation

Location
Village of Alfred, NY – a small, scenic, residential community between the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains and the Finger Lakes

Campus
232-acre campus with more than 50 academic and residential buildings

Accreditation
Middle States Association
NY State Education Department
Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ceramic engineering, electrical engineering, glass engineering science, materials science and engineering, mechanical engineering)
National Association of Schools of Art and Design
American Chemical Society
Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business

Academic Calendar
Two semesters and two Summer School sessions

Faculty
179 full-time faculty.
Doctorates or terminal degrees in their discipline: 90%
Faculty/student ratio: 1:12
Average class size: 18 students

College of Business
Offers the B.S. degree in Accounting, Business Administration, Finance, and Marketing with career emphasis in:
Business Economics
Family Business
Entrepreneurship
Management
Management Information Systems
International Business
4+1 MBA Program for Business, Liberal Arts, and Engineering Students

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Offers the B.A. degree with majors in:
Biology
Chemistry
Communication Studies
Comparative Cultures
Computer Science
Criminal Justice Studies
Early Childhood/Childhood Education
Economics
English
Environmental Studies
Fine Arts
French
General Science
German
Geology
Gerontology
Global Studies
History
Individually Structured Major (Track II)
Interdepartmental Major (General Studies)
Mathematics
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Sociology
Spanish
Theatre

Double-degree Program
Offers the B.S. degree with major in Athletic Training
Offers Minors in many academic and professional subjects
Pre-Health and Pre-Law preparation available

New York State College of Ceramics

School of Art and Design
Offers the B.F.A. degree with concentrations in:
Ceramic Art
Video & Sonic Arts
Graphic Design
Print Media
Drawing, Painting, & Photography
Glass, Wood, Metal, Paper, Neon

School of Engineering
Offers the B.S. degree with majors in:
The Graduate School
Master of Fine Arts
  Ceramic Art, Electronic
  Integrated Arts, Sculpture/
  Dimensional Studies
Master of Business
  Administration
Master of Professional Studies
  Community Services
  Administration
Master of Arts
  School Psychology
Master of Science in Education
  Counseling
  Literacy Teacher
Master of Science in Biomedical Materials Engineering Science
  Ceramic Engineering
  Electrical Engineering
  Glass Science
  Materials Science and Engineering
  Mechanical Engineering
Certificates of Advanced Study
  Counseling
  School Psychology
Doctor of Philosophy
  Ceramics
  Glass Science
  Materials Science and Engineering
Doctor of Psychology
  School Psychology

Facilities and Equipment
Art Galleries
  Museum of Ceramic Art
  Fosdick-Nelson Gallery
  Robert Turner Student Gallery
Theater
  Seating capacity for 450, semi-thrust proscenium
Technology
  100 Mpbs network provides internet access to every residence hall room, classroom, and office 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Computing labs are available with access to Windows, Macintosh, Linux or UNIX operating systems. Wireless internet access available at a growing list of campus locations.
Libraries
  Herrick Memorial Library
  Scholes Library of Ceramics
University Profile

Pioneer Seventh Day Baptists who had settled in the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains founded Alfred University as a select school in 1836. Alfred became the first coeducational institution in New York State and the second in the nation. About 2,000 full-time undergraduate and 300 graduate students work and live in 52 buildings on a scenic 232-acre hillside campus adjoining the village of Alfred. Another 400 acres of recreational land is just minutes away.

The nonsectarian University is comprised of the privately endowed College of Business, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and the New York State College of Ceramics (Kazuo Inamori School of Engineering and School of Art and Design). Bachelors, masters, and doctoral degrees are awarded as the culmination of Alfred University’s academic and professional programs.

With its traditional emphasis on providing a high quality of education, Alfred University expects:
• academic achievement from students accepted under a selective admissions policy
• individual students to accept responsibility for learning
• faculty members’ highest priority to be teaching
• a stimulating diversity in academic programs, career objectives and personal value systems
• students, faculty and staff to work together in a friendly atmosphere of mutual respect

Mission Statement

Alfred University’s mission is to provide academically challenging programs in a caring environment. Its aim is to prepare well-educated, independent thinkers, ready for lives of continuous intellectual and personal growth. Alfred is a student-centered, comprehensive university offering a wide range of learning opportunities. It is at once small and complex, private and public, undergraduate and graduate, rural and globally connected. Alfred is committed to both teaching and research. It is devoted to the pursuit of technical expertise, artistic creativity, and humanistic learning. Alfred University is proud of its history of promoting equality and respecting diversity. Its intimate atmosphere fosters a strong sense of community among students, faculty, staff, and alumni.
In 1938, the Board of Trustees of Alfred University established the Graduate Division of the College of Liberal Arts. This action was motivated by both a desire to implement and encourage research and a concern for the improved training of secondary school teachers. In time it became apparent that the growing needs for advanced work in the geographic area served by Alfred University demanded an organization educationally and administratively more functional than the graduate division. Therefore, in 1947, the Board of Trustees established the Graduate School at Alfred University.

Today the Graduate Council administers and guides all graduate programs throughout the University, providing unity and direction for graduate study.

Alfred University graduate students are enrolled in six master’s and two doctoral degree programs with numerous areas of specialization. Admission is selective, ensuring that all graduate students are intellectually and academically outstanding. Student quality and the intimate size of each program create an intellectually stimulating and challenging academic environment on a personal scale.

Alfred is known for the quality and diversity of its academic and professional programs—usually expected only of large universities—within a personalized, intimate setting, normally found in small colleges.