



Rhodes Facts

Rhodes is a nationally ranked, residential liberal arts college. The Collegiate Gothic campus sits on a 123-acre, wooded site in the heart of historic Midtown Memphis. Walkways, quadrangles, residence halls, common areas, and classrooms are all intentionally designed to encourage intimate conversation, the exchange of ideas, and life-changing connections.

Rhodes History

The college was founded in 1848 in Clarksville, TN, and in 1925, President Charles Diehl led the move to the present campus in Memphis, TN. At that time, the college was named Southwestern, and in 1945, the college adopted the name Southwestern at Memphis, to distinguish itself from other colleges and universities containing the name "Southwestern." Finally, in 1984, the college's name was changed to Rhodes College to honor former college president, and Diehl's successor, Peyton Nalle Rhodes.

Rhodes Vision

Rhodes College aspires to graduate students with a life-long passion for learning, a compassion for others, and the ability to translate academic study and personal concern into effective leadership and action in their communities and the world.

The Rhodes Experience

The Rhodes experience combines the best of the classroom and the real world—through internships, service, research and other opportunities in Memphis and far beyond. Students learn, play, and serve others with a determination to grow personally and to improve the quality of life within their communities. Rhodes is one of a handful of prominent liberal arts colleges located in a major metropolitan area.

Degrees Awarded

The college offers two undergraduate degree programs: the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Science. It also offers a Master of Science in Accounting, a program distinguished by the high pass rates of students on the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam compared to the national average and by the excellent job placement rates of the graduates. In 2018, Rhodes introduced a Master of Arts in Urban Education, a unique interdisciplinary program designed to address the present and growing need for high-impact, culturally relevant educators in diverse urban schools. In 2019, the college began offering a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Health Equity. Rhodes is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Rhodes by the Numbers (2019-2020)

- More than **50** majors and minors
- Average class size **14**
- **10:1** student-to-faculty ratio
- **223** faculty
- **2,036** students representing **47** states (plus D.C.) and **54** countries
- **31%** multicultural & international students
- **100+** student clubs, organizations, intramural and club sports
- **23** men's and women's NCAA Division III intercollegiate teams
- Student participation in community service (**80%**); internships (**80%**), study abroad (**75%**), social fraternities/sororities (**52%**)
- Graduating class remaining in Memphis to work or attend graduate school (**typically 35%**)

Recent National Recognition

Rhodes is profiled in The Princeton Review's *The Best 382 Colleges for 2018*, and ranks No. 8 on its Most Beautiful Campus list and No. 3 for Most Engaged in Community Service. Rhodes also has been included in The Princeton Review's lists of "Colleges That Create Futures" and "Colleges That Pay You Back." In addition, Rhodes regularly garners accolades from *Forbes*, *Fiske's Guide to Colleges*, and *Kiplinger's Personal Finance*. Rhodes was recognized as a top producing institution for Fulbright U.S. Students for 2016-2017 by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Other Points of Pride

- Rhodes is one of only 40 institutions featured in the book *Colleges That Change Lives*.
- Rhodes students operate *The Bridge*, Memphis' only street paper that offers job opportunities to people experiencing homelessness.
- Rhodes is one of only 286 colleges and universities in the United States with a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest and most prestigious academic organization in the U.S.
- Rhodes is among a select group of colleges and universities eligible to participate in the Watson Fellowships program, which funds a year of international travel for students. Rhodes' Mock Trial program holds the record for consecutive national tournament appearances.
- Rhodes women's golf team boasts three NCAA Division III championships, winning in 2014 and again in 2016 and 2017.