



# Rhodes College

## FACT SHEET

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 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 (AS OF FALL 2021)

- Over 50 majors and minors
- Average class size: 14
- 10:1 student-to-faculty ratio
- 215 faculty
- 2,070 students represent 45 states (plus D.C.) and 63 countries
- 31% students of color; 6% international students
- 100+ student clubs, organizations, intramural and club sports
- 21 men's and women's NCAA Division III intercollegiate teams
- Student participation in community service: 80%; in internships, 75%; and 65% study abroad or at off-campus sites
- Typically, 35% of each graduating class remains in Memphis to work or attend graduate school

### RECENT NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Rhodes has received accolades from The Princeton Review for value, internships, community service, and campus beauty; *U.S. News & World Report* for best undergraduate teaching; *Money* magazine for high value; *Billboard* magazine for its music business program; Niche for liberal arts; *Fiske Guide to Colleges* for strong programs in economics, English, international studies, history, chemistry, business, biology, and psychology; Stacker as one of the best colleges in a big city; *Forbes* magazine as a top college in the country; and the Fulbright Program as a Top Producer of U.S. Scholars and Students studying and working abroad.

### OTHER POINTS OF PRIDE

- Rhodes is one of only 44 institutions initially featured in the groundbreaking book *Colleges That Change Lives*. Rhodes is also a member institution of Colleges That Change Lives, Inc. (CTCL), an advocacy group whose mission is to promote a student-centered college search process.
- Rhodes students founded and operate *The Bridge*, Memphis' only nonprofit street newspaper that works to connect people experiencing homelessness to job opportunities.
- Rhodes is one of only 290 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 partner institutions eligible to participate in the Thomas J. Watson Fellowship program, which funds a year of international travel for awarded students.
- Rhodes' Mock Trial teams are 4-time National Championship winners, and the program holds the record for consecutive national tournament appearances.