CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY
Fact Sheet
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Overview:
Creighton University, founded in 1878, is one of 28 Jesuit universities in the United States designed in the Society of Jesus tradition and Catholic identity of academic excellence and service to others. The University is located in Omaha, Nebraska.

The University provides its 4,075 undergraduate and more than 2,900 professional and graduate students an atmosphere that challenges them academically and professionally, and supports and inspires them individually.

In addition to the College of Arts and Sciences, which enrolls 38 percent of the University’s students, Creighton has the College of Business Administration, the Graduate School, and the Schools of Dentistry, Law, Nursing, Medicine, Pharmacy and Health Professions and University College.

Creighton offers its students faculty-led independent study-abroad programs in nearly 40 countries.

Creighton’s 14 NCAA Division I athletic teams are strong on the court and field as well as in the classroom. With 94 percent graduation rate for student athletes, Creighton is tied for 23rd among all Division I universities and ranks first in the Missouri Valley Conference.

The University’s academic medical center, Creighton University Medical Center, is the busiest trauma center in the state, home to a top-ranked program in cardiology, programs in nutrition ranging from obesity to diabetes, and internationally recognized research programs in hereditary cancers and osteoporosis.

Faculty:
- With a student-to-faculty ratio of 12 to 1, Creighton retains 717 full-time faculty and 189 part-time faculty, as well as hundreds who contribute their services on a volunteer basis.

- Creighton University faculty members have received Fulbright and other fellowships, including being named scholars-in-residence at the Securities and Exchange Commission and Congressional Budget Office. Research awards to Creighton for the 2005-2006 academic year totaled more than $35 million. (figures for 2007-2008 are not available)
Students:
- The academic profile of the 2007 freshman class places Creighton among the top five private universities in the Midwest and among the top 10 Catholic universities in the nation.
- Of the fall 2007 freshman class: 73 percent were National Honor Society inductees; 44 percent (of the students with class rank) ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school class; 51 percent scored 27 or above on the ACT (placing them in the top 10 percent in the nation).
- Creighton is achieving success in social-economic diversity - providing more access to students and families and fulfilling an important aspect of the University’s mission. For the 2007-08 academic year, 21 percent of Creighton’s freshman class is first-generation college students and more than 200 come from families with an annual income of less than $60,000. The University also enrolled 212 freshmen who are students of color, the highest number in the school’s history.
- The 2007 freshman class was also very involved in high school activities, including 80 percent active in church and/or community service organization; 61 percent involved in a student government position; 69 percent active in a high school varsity sport; and 60 percent participating in music, theatre or dance.

Diversity
- The 2007 freshman class also identify themselves as members of 40 different faiths; 63 percent identify themselves as Roman Catholic.

Legacy
- 21 percent of the 2007 freshman class members are “legacies,” with family ties to the University; children of alumni comprise 16 percent of the group.

Student Achievements
- Creighton University students engage in a wide variety of research, scholarship and creative projects. They earn recognition from national academic honor societies and receive such prestigious awards as the Fulbright, as well Goldwater, James Madison Foundation and National Science Foundation fellowships.

Alumni:
- More than 56,000 current Creighton alums live in 86 countries. Sixty-eight percent live in the U.S. outside Nebraska, with 30 percent living in Nebraska. The largest numbers of alumni living outside the U.S. reside in Canada, Japan and Malaysia.

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• More than 95 percent of our graduates are employed, involved in volunteer work or attending graduate/professional school within six months of graduation.

Additional Information Points:
• No other institution of its size offers as broad a range of undergraduate, graduate and professional degree programs.

• Creighton has been recognized as an economic driver, community service advocate and urban developer in a Top 25 national ranking.

• For the fifth consecutive year, Creighton University in 2007 is No. 1 in U.S. News & World Report’s rankings of Midwest masters’ universities. It is the tenth time in 12 years Creighton has been No. 1, and the 21st straight year the University has been ranked at or near the top of the magazine’s “America’s Best Colleges” edition. Creighton also was recognized as No. 1 in the Midwest region as a “best value,” where students get the best return on their tuition investment.

• Creighton ranks 5th in PC’s Magazine’s Top Wired Colleges, and is the only university in Nebraska and the only Catholic school in the nation recognized.

• It was the first university in the country to notify students of acceptance by text message.

• Creighton’s Online Ministries provides one of the finest faith-based websites in the world – with an average of 1.7 million visitors each month from 125 countries. It can be found at www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html

• Creighton students, alumni, faculty and staff have volunteered approximately 58,000 hours of community service in one year – helping the poor and underserved locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. Go to http://www2.creighton.edu/communityrelations/

• The campus design and master plan have received top awards in landscape architecture.

• The innovative Ratio Studiorum advising program helps first and second-year students plan their curricula, careers and way of life focusing on ethics, service to others and a search for truth and justice.

• In 2007, Creighton established the Office of Student Success to fulfill elements of the University’s mission by aiding in the development and transition of Creighton’s newest students. The office coordinates numerous educational services, including peer-to-peer education, alcohol education, peer
academic leader training, Welcome Week, tutoring, study skill workshops, academic success counseling and several other student success-related programs. The name of the office was deliberately chosen to help students readily understand that this unit is exists there to help them be successful.