

colleges and universities, rather than avoid or surrender on difficult issues, engage with them from an authentically Catholic perspective.

For example, when the Biden administration in 2021 promised federal sanctions against schools and colleges that do not permit biological males to participate in women’s sports teams, Ave Maria’s provost mobilized the faculty and staff to develop a robust policy designed to protect the university from these possible mandates. This policy, which draws upon Scripture as well as teaching from the Catholic popes John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and Francis, requires students, faculty, staff, and coaches to “conduct themselves in accord with their biological sex at all times, both on campus and when representing the school at off-campus events.”

This policy can be contrasted with one recently published by Villanova University. In the fall of 2022, Villanova’s Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion collaborated with its Gender and Women’s Studies department to produce a “Gender Inclusive Practices Guide.” The guide says that “gender inclusivity” is “fundamental to Villanova’s mission” and touts the recently available option for all members of the Villanova

community to share their preferred pronouns with the university.

At Ave Maria, devotion to the Blessed Mother permeates the campus. Each evening, there is a student-led Rosary walk. During the school year, the Adoration chapel on campus is open twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. There are at least six weekend Masses and three daily Masses on campus while school is in session.

Similarly, it is the spiritual life at Franciscan University that makes all the difference. There are several daily Masses as well as periodic praise and worship services. Perpetual Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament in the campus’s Portiuncula continues all day, every day, with Franciscan students signing up for a weekly holy hour commitment at the start of every semester. Completed in 1987, the Portiuncula is a recreation of the thirteenth-century Portiuncula founded by Saint Francis of Assisi after he heard the words “Rebuild my Church” coming from the crucifix that hung in the tiny, decrepit San Damiano church in the country near the saint’s home in Italy.

The most popular weekday Mass at Franciscan begins at noon, and every day the chapel is filled to capacity. Students join faculty and staff to pray the Rosary

before Mass, and many remain in the pews afterward for private prayer before returning to afternoon classes. Saturday mornings, the university upholds its commitment to fighting for the unborn with “pro-life Masses.” And every Sunday, five Masses are celebrated — including one in the Extraordinary Form. All are almost always filled to capacity.

Confession is available throughout the week, and a community Rosary is prayed every weekday evening in the beautiful Rosary Circle located right at the center of campus. Most importantly, Franciscan provides students with a peaceful place for private prayer at the Tomb of the Unborn Child. The Students for Life club gathers every Wednesday evening to pray the Rosary at the tomb.

In his 1852 book *The Idea of a University*, Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman describes the Catholic university as “a seat of wisdom, a light of the world, a minister of the faith.” At one time, all Catholic colleges shared this vision. It was what made them Catholic. Today, however, parents must be careful. They will be well served if they encourage their children to attend a Catholic college like Ave Maria or Franciscan, or any of those institutions truly committed to adhering to the principles outlined in *Ex corde Ecclesiae*. 📖

RECOMMENDED CONSERVATIVE COLLEGES

Asbury University — highly recommended

Wilmore, Kentucky | evangelical | 1,399 undergrads | \$26,739 average cost after aid | 61 percent graduation rate | 77 percent acceptance rate | typical ACT scores: 20–27 | opposition to DEI: excellent | sexual morals: excellent | conservative student group: Sacred Life Club

The revival at Asbury University in February of this year showcased its students’ devout faith. Students are required to attend twenty-six chapel services every semester; the revival sprang out of one of these services. The university demonstrates academic excellence with a robust liberal arts curriculum that includes four courses in “Biblical literacy and theological understanding.” The school has historically been associated with the Wesleyan-Holiness movement.

Ave Maria University — highly recommended

Ave Maria, Florida | Catholic | 1,048 undergrads | \$19,226 average cost after aid | 54 percent graduation rate | 64 percent acceptance rate | typical ACT scores: 21–27 | opposition to DEI: excellent | sexual morals: excellent | conservative student groups: American Enterprise Institute Executive Council, Young Americans for Freedom, Turning Point USA, Bull Moose Republican Club, Ave For Life, Thomistic Institute Chapter, Anscombe Society



Former Domino’s Pizza owner Tom Monaghan founded Ave Maria University with the goal of creating a truly faithful Catholic university. In that, he has been successful, as university life revolves around the Mass, and students are known to enter religious life or missionary work upon graduation. Faculty join Ave Maria with the goal of advancing their Catholic faith. The Aquinas Center for Theological Renewal and the university’s theology department are highlights. Monaghan moved Ave Maria’s campus to the rural wetlands of South Florida in 2007. The school advertises its “sunny skies” and “wealth of spiritual activities.”

Baylor University

Waco, Texas | Baptist General Convention of Texas | 14,329 undergrads | \$38,372 average cost after aid | 79 percent graduation rate | 57 percent acceptance rate | typical ACT scores: 25–32 | opposition to DEI: poor | sexual morals: good | conservative student groups: College Republicans, Turning Point USA, Bears for Life, Young Conservatives of Texas

Baylor University is an academically excellent and highly ranked Baptist university that emphasizes undergraduate teaching. A total of 125 majors and minors are offered across its twelve schools and colleges, and the school is ranked sixteenth in the nation by US News & World Report for its undergraduate teaching. Several of its chapel services, which students are required to attend for two semesters, have recently derailed into diversity, equity, and inclusion lectures and what one person described as a “Bernie Sanders rally.” In addition, the university’s president sent a strange letter in 2020 that pointed students toward tips to cultivate “antiracism.” The university forbids its students from participating in advocacy groups that promote homosexual behavior, but last year it chartered its first LGBTQ student group. The critical mass of conservative and Christian students and faculty, however, along with the school’s academic strengths, make it worth attending, so long as you avoid its recent excesses of wokeness.



Belmont Abbey College

Belmont, North Carolina | Catholic | 1,507 undergrads | \$21,329 average cost after aid | 44 percent graduation rate | 99 percent acceptance rate | typical ACT scores: 18–25 | opposition to DEI: excellent | sexual morals: excellent | conservative student group: Crusaders for Life

Belmont Abbey College was founded by the Benedictine monks in 1976. The school, which offers an Honors College with a curriculum based on the Great Books, is deeply immersed in the Catholic tradition. About half of students in this tight-knit community are Catholic. Professors, about two-thirds of whom are Catholic, are focused on helping their students grow morally and spiritually. The college’s core

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curriculum requires all students to take courses in political philosophy, theology, and history. Belmont Abbey has a beautiful, idyllic campus, the centerpoint of which is the Basilica of Mary Help of Christians, where students can join the monks in prayer.

Benedictine College — highly recommended

Atchison, Kansas | Catholic | 2,205 undergrads | \$26,253 average cost after aid | 64 percent graduation rate | 98 percent acceptance rate | typical ACT scores: 21–29 | opposition to DEI: excellent | sexual morals: excellent | conservative student groups: College Republicans, Ravens Respect Life, Turning Point USA

Benedictine College is a faithful Catholic college with academic excellence. Popular majors include finance, accounting, nursing, biology, and theology. Students have the option to enroll in the Great Books Program for a more traditional liberal arts education. Benedictine describes the program as covering Western thought “from Homer to Aquinas and from Dante to Dostoevsky.” The school emphasizes domestic and international mission trips as a means of faith formation — locations include Peru, Belize, Uganda, Alaska, and Texas. The university’s annual Symposium on Transforming Culture brings together scholars to discuss the Catholic faith’s “transformative role in our society, culture and business.” Sacramental life is centered in St. Benedict’s Abbey Church, which offers multiple daily Masses for students.

Brigham Young University—Provo



Provo, Utah | Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints | 33,376 undergrads | \$14,275 average cost after aid | 59 percent graduation rate | 59 percent acceptance rate | typical ACT scores: 26–32 | opposition to DEI: good | sexual morals: excellent | conservative student groups: Adam Smith Society, Tocqueville Society, College Republicans, Turning Point USA, Students for Life

Brigham Young University has perhaps the largest concentration of conservative students in the country. Ninety-eight percent of students belong to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. As such, students and faculty are required to sign an honor code pledging to abstain from alcohol, tea, and vaping; observe a dress code; avoid sexual relations outside of marriage; and live a virtuous life. Because the university is subsidized by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, students who belong to the church pay some of the lowest tuition costs in the nation; students who do not belong to the church still receive an excellent deal. The school offers instruction in over

sixty languages and dozens of study abroad programs. The university’s size allows it to offer 186 academic majors and to recruit excellent faculty committed to its mission.

Catholic University of America

Washington, DC | Catholic | 2,929 undergrads | \$36,698 average cost after aid | 76 percent graduation rate | 86 percent acceptance rate | typical ACT scores: 23–31 | opposition to DEI: good | sexual morals: excellent | conservative student groups: Alexander Hamilton Society, American Solidarity Party, Cardinals for Life, College Republicans, The Anscombe Society, Young Americans for Freedom

Catholic University of America is a pontifical university that includes schools of architecture, business, canon law, engineering, law, and nursing. A center of American Catholicism, the school educates many Catholic religious and priests. It is located adjacent to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and the Dominican House of Studies, both of which provide students many opportunities for prayer and worship. The school offers a variety of institutes focused on the Catholic faith, including the Institute for Human Ecology, the Institute for the Transformation of Catholic Education, and the Institute for Policy Research and Catholic Studies. Popular majors at the university include business, psychology, the arts, and nursing. Catholic University requires on-campus speakers to present lectures consistent with the Catholic faith. The university has a pornography filter on its campus Wi-Fi network.



Cedarville University — highly recommended

Cedarville, Ohio | State Convention of Baptists in Ohio | 4,191 undergrads | \$28,594 average cost after aid | 73 percent graduation rate | 62 percent acceptance rate | typical ACT scores: 22–29 | opposition to DEI: excellent | sexual morals: excellent | conservative student groups: College Republicans, Turning Point USA, Students for Life, Students for Israel

Cedarville University requires its faculty members to teach a “biblically consistent” curriculum and pledge to live “biblical integration in and out of the classroom.” All students must obtain a minor in the study of the Bible and attend chapel every weekday. Required humanities and arts courses explicitly state an intention to encourage students to glorify God, and science majors are popular. The university has a Chick-fil-A in its library. The school boasts a 99 percent career placement rate.



College of the Ozarks — highly recommended

Point Lookout, Missouri | Presbyterian | 1,468 undergrads | \$7,858 average cost after aid | 66 percent graduation rate | 21 percent acceptance rate | typical ACT scores: 20–25 | opposition to DEI: excellent | sexual morals: excellent | conservative student groups: College Republicans, Young Americans for Freedom, Young Americans for Liberty

The College of the Ozarks is boldly conservative and Christian. The college’s vision is to “develop citizens of Christlike character who are well-educated, hard-working, and patriotic.” This boldness attracts students from across the country, requiring the college to reject 79 percent of its applicants. Tuition is nonexistent, thanks to the school’s requirement that students work on campus to pay their way.

The campus seeks out students with strong leadership skills and heavily recruits students of lesser means. Students and faculty are asked to sign an intensive honor code and are warned of dismissal for engaging in extramarital sexual behavior. The College of the Ozarks was famously bold enough to launch a boycott of Nike products after the company recruited Colin Kaepernick for an ad campaign. Patriotism is inculcated in the students in every aspect of student life, and respect is a requirement during the recitation of the National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance.

Concordia University, Nebraska

Seward, Nebraska | Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod | 1,124 undergrads | \$25,387 average cost after aid | 62 percent graduation rate | 85 percent acceptance rate | typical ACT scores: 19–27 | opposition to DEI: good | sexual morals: excellent | conservative student groups: College Republicans, Bulldogs for Life

Concordia University, Nebraska, is a Lutheran university located in a small town west of Lincoln, Nebraska. Community, close friendships, and Christ define the university, which offers strong academic programs. Students and faculty greet one another on campus and know each other’s names. Personal development and spiritual growth are emphasized; students must take two courses in biblical literacy and one in theology. The school says that its curriculum is “grounded in the mercies of God made known through the incarnate ministry of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.” Education is the most popular major, followed by business.

Franciscan University of Steubenville — highly recommended

Steubenville, Ohio | Catholic | 2,340 undergrads | \$24,136 average cost after aid | 76 percent graduation rate | 68 percent acceptance rate | typical ACT scores: 22–28 | opposition to DEI: excellent | sexual morals: excellent | conservative student groups: Anscombe Society, Gadfly, Students for Life, Young Americans for Freedom

A typical student at Franciscan University attends Mass multiple times per week, and if liberals or non-Catholics attend this school, you would be hard-pressed to find them. The institution, which describes itself as a “faithfully Catholic university,” hosts excellent faculty members who orient their teaching around the Catholic worldview. The school’s student groups almost all revolve



around conservatism or Catholicism. Students can participate in the school’s Great Books of Western Civilization honors program, but they will also receive a rich liberal arts education through the regular curriculum. Resident halls are named after Catholic saints, and sacramental life dominates daily activities. The most popular major by far is theology. Nursing, education, and business are also favored choices. Excellent institutes include the Veritas Center for Ethics in Public Life and the Center for Leadership.

Grove City College — highly recommended

Grove City, Pennsylvania | nondenominational | 2,138 undergrads | \$24,554 average cost after aid | 82 percent graduation rate | 73 percent acceptance rate | typical ACT scores: 23–30 | opposition to DEI: excellent | sexual morals: excellent | conservative student groups: College Republicans, Young Women for America, Grove City College Life Advocates

Grove City College is the home of *The American Spectator*’s editor, Paul Kengor. There, he runs the Institute for Faith and Freedom, which “teaches the principles of Faith and Freedom to the next generation of American leaders.” The institute is the heart of the university and offers a student fellows program, lectures on the principles of conservatism, and an annual conference. The entire university, which is academically excellent, is grounded in its conservative and Christian worldview — wokeness is not permitted at this college. The students you will find on campus are eager to grow intellectually and share a conservative worldview. Engineering and business are the most popular majors.

Harding University

Searcy, Arkansas | Church of Christ | 3,492 undergrads | \$22,139 average cost after aid | 67 percent graduation rate | 54 percent acceptance rate | typical ACT scores: 20–28 | opposition to DEI: excellent | sexual morals: excellent | conservative student groups: College Republicans, Students for Life, Young Americans for Liberty

Students at this university in Searcy, Arkansas, are required to attend daily chapel services and participate in three hours of Bible study every week. They are also prohibited from consuming alcohol — including off-campus — going to bars, and socially dancing. Harding has in recent years faced a series of controversies over a group of LGBTQ students’ decision to launch a magazine; the publication was blocked on the university’s Wi-Fi network. The university says that while it maintains “close ties” with the Church of Christ, it “opens its arms to all.” Its liberal arts curriculum is strong. It also offers schools of pharmacy, business, nursing, and education.

Hillsdale College — highly recommended

Hillsdale, Michigan | nondenominational | 1,515 undergrads | \$23,230 average cost after aid | 88 percent graduation rate | 24 percent acceptance rate | typical ACT scores: 30–34 | opposition to DEI: excellent | sexual morals: excellent | conservative student groups: Alexander Hamilton Society, Citizens for Self Government, College Republicans, Federalist Society, Hillsdale College for Life, Young Americans for Freedom, Young Americans for Liberty, *The Hillsdale Forum*, *The Tower Light*, Chesterton Society, Praxis, The Lyceum



Hillsdale students are required to sign an honor code upon arrival, in which they pledge to maintain virtue in their study and commit themselves to self-government. Their education is dominated by a liberal arts core curriculum boosted by required seminars in conservative thought on timely issues. Truly conservative, Hillsdale remains committed to teaching the founding of America, and it promotes this worldview in its wide array of public educational outreach. Education is one of the college’s emphasized missions, as seen in the multitude of opportunities offered to students interested in teaching, be it a classical education internship or the annual classical school job fair. Lastly, Hillsdale’s campus is alive with the Christian faith. Student-led faith groups such as the Catholic Society, InterVarsity, Equip Ministries, Lutheran Society, Anglican Student Fellowship, and Orthodox Christian Fellowship attract scores of students who lead worship and build community.



Liberty University

Lynchburg, Virginia | evangelical | 15,800 on-campus students | \$32,513 average cost after aid | 45 percent graduation rate | 50 percent acceptance rate | typical ACT scores: 21–29 | opposition to DEI: poor | sexual morals: excellent | conservative student groups: Alexander Hamilton Society; College Republicans; Institute on Religion and Democracy; Liberty Students for Life; Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Truth; Stand With Israel;

Turning Point USA; Young Americans for Freedom; Young Women for America

Liberty University is unabashedly conservative, though it has faced recent controversy over a sex scandal involving its former president, Jerry Falwell Jr. Nevertheless, the university has at its heart a conservative and Christian mission of arming students to prepare for combat in today’s modern world. Students can join a plethora of conservative clubs and take part in innumerable academic programs due to its size. Business is the most popular major.

Patrick Henry College — highly recommended

Purcellville, Virginia | nondenominational | 409 undergrads | \$28,594 average cost after aid | 70 percent graduation rate | 82 percent acceptance rate | typical ACT scores: 27–32 | opposition to DEI: excellent | sexual morals: excellent | conservative student group: George Wythe Review

Patrick Henry College provides an excellent liberal arts education to its highly intelligent student body, which numbers only around 400 students. The college describes itself as “a conservative Christian college,” and, indeed, professors come to the school with the mission of educating students in that worldview. The college is home to the Home School Legal Defense Association. This school is recommended for those who share its Protestant worldview; a staff member was once asked to resign for stating that Baptism is essential for salvation.



Pepperdine University

Malibu, California | Church of Christ | 3,457 undergrads | \$37,330 average cost after aid | 83 percent graduation rate | 53 percent acceptance rate | typical ACT scores: 25–30 | opposition to DEI: poor | sexual morals: poor | conservative student group: College Republicans

Watch out for Pepperdine’s DEI programs and the wokeness slowly seeping in. Even still, you will find a group of professors educating students in the liberal arts from a Christian perspective. The school is affiliated with the Church of Christ, but it has become less faithful to that tradition in recent years.

Regent University

Virginia Beach, Virginia | evangelical | 4,231 undergrads | \$17,120 average cost after aid | 49 percent graduation rate | 41 percent acceptance rate | typical ACT scores: 23–29 | opposition to DEI: fair | sexual morals: excellent | conservative student groups: Christians United for Israel, College Republicans, Students for Life, Thomistic Institute Chapter, Turning Point USA, Young Americans for Liberty

This evangelical university was founded by Christian Broadcasting Network chairman Pat Robertson in 1977. The school has a flourishing conservative intellectual climate, and many students are involved in conservative activism. The university has been able to attract excellent faculty members who share its commitments to biblical principles. Regent University emphasizes its goal of sending students into conservative politics and has a track record of following through.

Samford University

Homewood, Alabama | Alabama Baptists | 3,573 undergrads | \$30,695 average cost after aid | 76 percent graduation rate | 84 percent acceptance rate | typical ACT scores: 23–29 | opposition to DEI: poor | sexual morals: good | conservative student groups: American Enterprise Institute, College Republicans, Students for Life

Samford University has a stunning campus featuring Georgian Colonial architecture. It houses schools of pharmacy, divinity, law, education, nursing, and business. The university’s administration has gone all-in on “diversity, equity, and inclusion” and has a stated goal of raising the number of certain ethnicities in leadership roles and faculty positions. Despite that, the university is fundamentally Christian and requires its students to attend sixty



spiritual events, including chapel services and service projects, during their time in college. Samford also requires its students to take a two-course sequence in the Great Books of the Western tradition. In recent years, controversy has erupted over students’ unsuccessful efforts to start an LGBTQ student group. In addition, last year, groups from the Episcopalian and Presbyterian churches were uninvited from events because those groups approve of same-sex behavior.

Texas A&M University

College Station, Texas | secular | 54,942 undergrads | \$19,237 average cost after aid | 82 percent graduation rate | 64 percent acceptance rate | typical ACT scores: 25–31 | opposition to DEI: poor | sexual morals: poor | conservative student groups: Pro-Life Aggies, Turning Point USA, College Republicans, Young Americans for Freedom

Texas A&M is a secular public school, but if you know where to look, you will find rich networks of conservative and Christian students. One example is the college’s Catholic student ministry, which serves 17,000 students. About eight to ten graduates per year are known to enter into the priesthood or religious life from this flourishing group. In addition, Breakaway Ministries, a weekly Bible study, attracts 10,000 students to its weekly bible study and worship service. Students will find when they arrive at A&M that a number of churches will reach out to them and invite them to join. Conservative clubs on campus are also large and highly active. Texas A&M boasts exemplary academics and consistent graduate success.



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Thomas Aquinas College — highly recommended

Santa Paula, California, and Northfield, Massachusetts | Catholic | 462 undergrads | \$24,676 average cost after aid | 86 percent graduation rate | 83 percent acceptance rate | typical ACT scores: 25–30 | opposition to DEI: excellent | sexual morals: excellent

Even liberals note the academic excellence of Thomas Aquinas College, as it is ranked highly by US News & World Report. All students participate in its classical Great Books curriculum, which many consider to be a more challenging curriculum than that offered by the nation’s top universities. The college, which boasts two beautiful campuses on either side of the country, remains truly loyal to the Church; faculty members and students alike share deep faith and an intellectual commitment to understanding the world through a Catholic lens.



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University of Notre Dame

Notre Dame, Indiana | Catholic | 8,854 undergrads | \$30,536 average cost after aid | 97 percent graduation rate | 15 percent acceptance rate | typical ACT scores: 32–35 | opposition to DEI: good | sexual morals: good | conservative student groups: Students for Child-Oriented Policy, Right to Life, College Republicans, Young Americans for Liberty, *Irish Rover*

The University of Notre Dame often falls short in putting its professed beliefs into practice (e.g., the talk this year by an “abortion doula”). Nevertheless, the university has a huge network of vocal conservative and Catholic students and faculty. Its academics and faculty members are world class. As a top university, Notre Dame has incredible resources, many of which are used to enhance students’ intellectual and faith lives. A small subset of faculty members are woke activists, but a much larger group is vocally conservative. Dozens of well-attended daily Masses, over one hundred priests, and more than five dozen chapels enhance the Catholic environment. Notable institutes include the Center for Citizenship & Constitutional Government and the de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture.



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University of Dallas — highly recommended

Irving, Texas | Catholic | 1,445 undergrads | \$28,149 average cost after aid | 68 percent graduation rate | 58 percent acceptance rate | typical ACT scores: 24–31 | opposition to DEI: excellent | sexual morals: excellent | conservative student groups: Crusaders for Life, The Hephaistos Society, Young Conservatives of Texas, Alexander Hamilton Society, The Anscombe Society, Thomistic Institute Chapter, Tocqueville Society

The University of Dallas is a solidly conservative faithful Catholic university with impressive academics rooted in the Great Books. It requires its students to spend two years fulfilling the requirements of an intensive liberal arts education. Most students spend a semester abroad in Rome, Italy, during which they study the liberal arts and live at the school’s Rome campus. Notable institutes include the St. Ambrose Center for Catholic Liberal Education and Culture, the Center for Christianity and the Common Good, the Center for Thomas More Studies, and the Dallas Forum on Law, Politics, and Culture.



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University of St. Thomas (Texas)

Houston, Texas | Catholic | 1,609 undergrads | \$18,510 average cost after aid | 56 percent graduation rate | 98 percent acceptance rate | typical ACT scores: 18–24 | opposition to DEI: excellent | sexual morals: excellent | conservative student group: Celts for Life

The University of St. Thomas offers students, many of whom come from disadvantaged backgrounds and 42 percent of whom are not Catholic, the chance to study an intensive Catholic liberal arts curriculum. Faculty members are grounded in their faith. The required curriculum includes courses such as “History of Western Culture and Ideas” and “Philosophy and Nature of the Human Person.” The Saint John Paul II Institute is a highlight, as is its nursing college.

Wyoming Catholic College

Lander, Wyoming | Catholic | 190 undergrads | \$35,500 cost without aid | 71 percent graduation rate | 99 percent acceptance rate | average ACT score: 26 | opposition to DEI: excellent | sexual morals: excellent

Wyoming Catholic College is unusual. The school is so conservative and Catholic that it does not permit cell phones and filters social media websites from its campus Wi-Fi. It has a curfew of 10:30 p.m. Its small number of faculty members, who teach the school’s Great Books curriculum, are deeply Catholic and intellectually brilliant. Students begin their time at the school with a three-week backpacking trip in the Rocky Mountains, complete with daily Mass. Some have worried the school’s strictness and total eschewal of modern life may leave students unprepared; however, students live rich lives and build close friendships in this conservative enclave.

Yeshiva University

New York, New York | Modern Orthodox Judaism | 2,619 undergrads | \$33,718 average cost after aid | 80 percent graduation rate | 63 percent acceptance rate | typical ACT scores: 26–33 | opposition to DEI: excellent | sexual morals: good | conservative student groups: Alexander Hamilton Society, College Republicans

Yeshiva University offers sex-separated liberal arts schools that incorporate the study of the Torah. Yeshiva College, which serves male students, includes four courses in Hebrew and six courses in Jewish studies. Yeshiva University is currently in a legal battle over its refusal to recognize an LGBTQ student club. Its graduate schools tend to not follow the undergraduate schools’ conservatism, and many of their students are not Jewish.



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