

Adelphi University Profile

Adelphi University was established in 1896 as a private institution. The university offers several types of undergraduate, and graduate programs in Liberal Arts & Sciences, Business, and Public Health. Adelphi also provides its students with several comprehensive certificate and professional educational programs for full, and part time students. The school itself is located in the Village of Garden City Long Island, within Nassau County New York. Adelphi is unique because it's located in a suburban neighborhood that has commuter links to New York City via the Long Island Railroad. The footprint of the site is large for a medium-sized suburban private school with approximately 75 acres of park like property that winds through the Village of Garden City.

The campus has approximately 23 buildings including lecture, sports, performing arts, and student housing facilities. The issue of student housing on campus is not a challenge for Adelphi due to its relatively small student population, and high number of commuter students attending the university. The university provides on campus housing for undergraduate students on a first come, first served basis, the school also provides priority-housing assignments for students from out of state according to campus officials. The university has also started building new residence halls on the western edge of its campus to provide students with updated facilities.

The physical layout of the academic buildings, athletic fields, and residence halls is designed to separate the campus into 2 parts, for easy access to students. The school's student center, and library facilities are also close to the lecture halls for easy access to classes and campus social functions. Adelphi is a medium-sized suburban commuter school that feels like a smaller school because the campus landscape is big and beautiful, while providing student facilities that are easily accessible.

The internal campus setting provides students and employees with several types of student services including physical fitness, library, cultural meeting places, and dining halls. The university also has a new performing arts pavilion called the (PAC) for students and local residents to enjoy. Adelphi's observed focal point of reference during the campus tour was the university center (Harley Hall), which is the main student life hall. My tour guide told me that students come to the UC to relax, and eat in the dining hall. Students also use this space to socialize and talk about school and life. The facility is large for a small school with offices for all the student clubs and activities, a school bookstore and finally a Starbucks Coffee shop for students to enjoy.

Adelphi University Demographics: Adelphi is home to approximately 1,249 male, and 2,952 female full time undergrad students. The university also has 165 male, and 771 female students attending the school on a part-time basis. Adelphi also has 609 male, and 2,608 female graduate students attending the campus. The average age of a freshman is 19 years old; all undergraduates are 24 years old. 92% of students are state residents with the rest coming from 39 other states, and 56 foreign countries. 60% of students are white, 7% are Hispanic, and 12% are African American, and 6% are Asian.

The total number of students with on campus housing is 2,202 according to published handouts. Adelphi University offers a Liberal Arts and Sciences programs for undergraduate students. Below is a list of specific admission requirements for admission.

Adelphi University: Freshman Class: 7,359 applied, 5,125 accepted, and 1,005 enrolled to the school. SAT Verbal 560, Math 540. Act: 22 Application Deadline is open.

Retention Rate: 19% of students do not continue beyond the first year; 63% remain to graduate.

Faculty/ Classroom: 50% of faculty is male, 50% female. All teach Undergraduates. The average class size in an introductory lecture is 25, Lab 17 and 22 in a regular course.

Student / Faculty Ratio: 15 to 1

Campus Footprint: The overall physical layout of the campus is typical of a college setting with wide sidewalks, grass field meeting places, and park like benches. The pedestrian flow of traffic within the facility was centered in the middle of campus due to the time of day. The buildings and open spaces of the facility were reasonably clean and maintained during my observations. I observed students enjoying several grassy areas around the outside of the lecture halls and Woodruff Hall (Campus sports facility) during my visit. I also observed several students enjoying Adelphi's student center within the campus footprint.

The design and physical setting of Adelphi is unique because the campus is located within a suburban community in close proximity to a major city with several wooded areas acting as natural barriers around the university. Adelphi also uses metal fencing and a public safety booth on the perimeter of the facility to direct students, and visitors to campus entry points. The institution is virtually split in two parts with the lecture halls and the residence halls on opposite ends with lecture, athletic, performing arts and historic buildings in the middle. The footprint of the university is not unique because students like to get away from classes to retreat to their residence halls. The buildings geographical design features form a large square in which students can enter, and leave the campus from several locations.

Parking resources on campus is a big feature due to the high number of parking permits issued to students and employees. The university also has a large part time student community who require parking services on campus. Adelphi has approximately 8 parking lots for students, employees, and visitors. The campus parking lots are connected to several local roads on the campus perimeter, which act almost like natural barriers, students can park their cars without any concern for internal traffic issues within the campus footprint. Adelphi public safety closes several of it's parking lots and exterior entryways in the evening to reduce access after evening classes are over according to university officials.

The campus has approximately 10 entrances and exits to maximize the flow of vehicular traffic within the facility; the issue of pedestrian traffic on campus is minimal due to the suburban setting, the only people I observed walking on the perimeter in the day time were students who parked their cars off South Avenue. Adelphi University provides public transportation resources (School Shuttle) for students on campus, which helps students get around the Island. Having a shuttle service on this campus that takes students to several shopping malls, and railroad stations helps them experience socialization outside the boundaries of normal campus life, which I think is a very useful resource.

Community Profile

The Garden City Village section of Long Island is a quiet suburban community within an overall population of 21,672 residents in Nassau County New York. The area has been described as a gracious family centered residential community within striking distance to New York City. This section of the island also has an intellectual side to it due it's historical neighborhood architecture, and community ties to Adelphi University. The community has a real small college town feel to it when you are walking, and driving to neighborhood eateries. The Village also has several community parks and ball fields in and a round the village for people to enjoy. These parks, along with public tennis courts, swimming pools, outdoor skating rinks, and theatres make outside activities very enjoyable to everyone.

The Village of Garden City itself is geographically located between New York City to the west, and several large suburban shore communities to the east, including the Hamptons, making it an ideal commuter destination for both locations because they can be reached in relatively short period of time. The short distance to these areas from the school makes Long Island a student friendly destination throughout the year. The Long Island Railroad provides several types of public transit resources to NYC including express rail service throughout the year.

Local residents also have access to several major transportation hubs within the Long Island community including John F. Kennedy Airport, and countless roadway systems including the Long Island Expressway, and the Southern and Northern State Parkways, which provide a main east/west corridor in the area. The Brooklyn Queens Expressway (BQE) can also be used as a main roadway system to New York City's Boroughs including Brooklyn, Queens, and Manhattan to all points west including Staten Island.

Finally, Adelphi is close to several local avenues that links students and residents to a large number of restaurants and shops within a short drive from campus including Nassau Boulevard, and Hempstead Avenue. Garden City residents also have numerous shopping, and dining options in the local communities of New Hyde Park, Mineola, and Hempstead due to their geographical location. Residents can be in these areas in a matter of minutes, or they can be in New York because they are surrounded by LIRR Stations and roadways within a 30-minute drive/train ride from the campus.

Community demographics: The following demographics for the Village of Garden City describe a culturally diverse community within a total population of 21,672 according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The survey highlights several characteristics to describe the population including: 47.5% of residents are male, 52.5% are female. 94% of residents are white, 1% is African American, 2% are Hispanic or Latino, and 3% are Asian. The median age of population is 41 years old. 73% of residents are 18 years old, 69% over 21, and 17 % of village residents are over the age of 65. The issue of housing in Garden City is also interesting. 98 % of all housing units within the borough are occupied. 7 % of housing units are renter-occupied, while 93 % of units are owner-occupied. Only 2 % of total available housing was vacant according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Campus Life

Adelphi University is an active private campus environment that provides students with an excellent social, and educational atmosphere. The admissions demographics paint a picture of a local educational community with a relatively high number of in state residents on campus as full time students. The local communities of Garden City, New Hyde Park, and Mineola are very supportive of the schools mission to provide educational opportunities to local residents and on-campus students. These communities have several student friendly venues within driving distance to the campus including 7th Street, in Garden City. The point is, Nassau County is small, compared to the other boroughs in greater New York. The size, population, and community resources give the island a main street feel to it due to the restaurants and shops along the main avenues.

The emotional climate and culture of the entire community is social due to it's close relationship with community, and educational resources in my opinion. Adelphi is an attractive institution because it offers students a comfortable academic community within 30 minutes of New York City, while still providing student activities for everyone. Some of the activities include cultural, social, team athletics, and performing arts to enjoy throughout the year. This issue of school culture is also a very important part of campus life because everyone wants to have a connection and emotional fit to their new school and community. This type of process provides a foundation for learning and personal growth providing over 80 academic, athletic, and student organizations. Adelphi also has 19 NCAA Division II teams for men and women to participate in.

Adelphi also addresses the issue of ecology in a positive way. The physical environment is reasonably clean and well maintained and the economic conditions are favorable to students and local residents due to the available services in driving distance to the school. The university is also going through a growth period with construction of new state of the art student housing facilities that provide scenic views of the entire campus footprint. The development of a state of the art (PAC) performing arts, and physical fitness center also helps students connect with each other in non-classroom environments by providing a central meeting place for students to work-out, or enjoy theatre productions and concerts.

The school has done a great job developing positive social systems with its students by providing a series of coordinated programs including workshops and seminars for freshman students. The university's new student experience program provides an excellent example of programs and services that help first year students by offering professional counselors that advise students on ways to explore their educational options to achieve personal academic goals. The down side of campus life is the number of students who go home on the weekends. Adelphi is working to improve its commuter school reputation by providing weekend theatre, and concert performances in the PAC.

Local weather: Weather is also an issue to consider for students preparing for a college experience. The State of New York enjoys all four seasons of weather including rain and snow. Northeast weather patterns sometimes allow for temperatures to drop below 32 degrees for a considerable amount of time during the winter. Long Island also gets its share of rain during the spring and summer months as well.

Student Housing: The purpose of student housing is to provide safe and reasonable accommodations for students living away from home. The issue of housing and dormitory life is a critical element of overall campus life because students spend a large amount of time in their rooms. Student housing units historically come in 3 different styles including traditional corridor, suite, and apartment style units.

Adelphi University provides housing for undergraduate students who have filed their intent to reside on campus by the stated deadline and who have continuously registered as full time students. The university uses a first come, first served system for housing applications, but they do retain rooms for out of state students. The university has several residence halls including the Earle Hall facility, which is a little outdated. Adelphi has started improving housing facilities with 1 completed building (New Hall) and a 2nd which is scheduled to be finished in 2011. Information about student housing can be found within Adelphi's quick link page in the back of this document.

Off Campus Housing: Long Island New York has been described as a suburban community within driving, and commuter distance to New York City. The reason I have mentioned the overall community of Long Island is to re-assert the point that Adelphi is situated in a suburban setting with a high number of homes that are privately owned. The university does provide off campus housing resources for students who request help, but a large number (77%) of students commute to school according to published resources. Information about services can be found on the quick links page.

Public Transportation: Public transportation resources for Adelphi students are limited due to the location of the suburban campus. Students who attend the university usually drive to campus because parking is readily available, but some students use the nearby LIRR Station on South Street to commute to school. The university has a high number of in-state students who know the streets and highways very well. Adelphi provides a campus shuttle for students who require daily service to the LIRR train station, and shopping resources to local food, and retail centers. Information about the service can be found on the quick links page.

Description of Campus Public Safety Plans & Procedures: Adelphi's public safety plans and procedures can be found in the emergency plan which gives students and employees a lists of instructions, procedures, codes of conduct, and response strategies to follow while on campus. The university also provides Clery Act safety tips and procedures to help educate students to potential risks on, and off campus. This information can be found in Adelphi's Annual Public Safety Report. The Emergency Plan can be found on the quick links page of this document.

Crisis Management Plans & Procedures Local Community: Nassau County New York has developed emergency management resources to help residents to prepare, respond, and recover from a host of natural, and man made events. The county agency responsible for emergency operations is the Office of Emergency Management. Adelphi has developed an emergency plan for students and employees to follow which highlights several potential manmade and weather related events. Public safety, along with several local Police Departments has developed a local crisis plan that can be found at: www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/OEM/index.html

Innovative Emergency Communications: Adelphi University has developed reverse 911 systems that sends several types of emergency notifications through e-mail and phone text message systems. Campus alerts, and weather related information is sent through this system. The university also has active shooter protocols for students to follow during an emergency including lock-down, and lockout procedures. These messages are usually received within 1-2 minutes of emergency broadcast and allow university officials to adhere to Clery Act requirements for timely warnings of emergency events.

Campus Access Control & Security Systems:

The design, and physical setting of a particular institution has elements relating to the overall culture and social system on campus. Since college and university campuses are designed to offer (open) movement of people through it's borders, the issue of design, along with effective use of space can reduce both the incidence, and fear of crime. The proper design and effective use of the built environment can lead to a reduction in the fear and incidence of crime and an improvement in the quality of life. The issues of identifying formal gathering and high- risk areas within a campus footprint are also critical to public safety resources because manpower must be observed in these areas.

The issue of high-risk areas on campus has been identified during annual risk assessments by security, and feedback by all intuitional stakeholders including local public safety officials. The public safety department maintains uniform patrol around the footprint in several different types of patrol vehicles including 4-wheel drive, and regular police patrol vehicles. These resources help officer's patrol around the campus 24-hours a day to reduce the number of people who may not have legitimate business on campus. Public safety also maintains visitor screening and CCTV resources to highlight the need for formal surveillance throughout the campus footprint. Adelphi has developed clearly worded signage, and a guard house off South Avenue where public safety officials direct visitors to a welcome area within admissions to improve physical security operations.

Formal gathering areas within Adelphi's campus are situated in, and around Woodruff Hall (Physical Fitness Center), the Swirbul Library, and finally the Harley Student Center. The residence halls are located on the western edge of the property for easy access to school facilities. The school has several pedestrian walkways that take you around to the above-mentioned areas. These are the main focal area of the campus because the walkway splits the campus in half with several large grassy areas in between the lecture, and residence halls. The sidewalk acts like a quad because you can access several areas of the campus in a textbook example of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design CPTED.

The campus high-risk areas including the residence halls require a higher degree of natural and formal surveillance for students and visitors. The university uses Electronic Card Readers (Student I.D. Cards) for access to on campus residence facilities. Students attempting to enter a residence must swipe their student card for entry into the building. The student card also has an additional security feature that only allows entry to each student's residence hall. Students can also use their student cards to enter several campus buildings including the PAC, and Woodruff Hall. The main academic buildings also have card access procedures for after hour entry for students and authorized employees.

My student guide continued with her description of access control for students entering the residence halls with guests. Adelphi students must produce their student I.D card that are swiped through a card reader mechanism. In the evening and on the weekends "Resident Assistant" set up a table to authenticate visitors to the building. The RA's and the students in residence are responsible to sign in, and identify the person standing in front of them. Some of the newer residence halls have access control systems to record the sign in procedure while a digital CCTV camera records the activity on a DVR platform as a redundant security feature.

Types and Descriptions of Published Policies and Procedures to Comply with the Clery Act on Campus

The Clery Act. The Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990 requires all postsecondary institutions participating in the Title IV student financial aid programs to disclose campus crime statistics, university violations and disciplinary data, and finally security information to the U.S. Department of Education on an annual basis. The legislation also describes several required policy statements that address public safety and security issues. Below is a sample list of Clery Act Policy Statements for colleges and universities to publish each year within their prospective crime report/audits.

Required policy statements include: addressing timely warnings, disclosure of crime statistics, reporting criminal offenses, confidential reporting, security and access control, arrest authority, security awareness programs, crime prevention programs, sex offenses, alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, substance abuse programs, and general codes of conduct. Adelphi University's Clery Act info can be found on the quick link page.

Caveat: Adelphi's public safety officers don't have formal arrest powers; but the school has retained several retired NYPD, and Nassau County Police Officers for their public safety department. Adelphi does call the Village of Garden Police Department to investigate criminal activity on campus, but the school does provide public safety resource through it's experienced staff to reduce victimization off campus. Public Safety seems to have improved crime victimization on campus due to improved security resources but the following statement from the department education offers this advice. "The department data reported by the institutions have not been subjected to independent verification by the U.S. Department of Education. Therefore, the department cannot vouch for the accuracy of the data reported. Adelphi University Clery crime data can be found at: <http://ope.ed.gov/security/Index.aspx>

Local Crime Statistics: The Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Report for 2008 has developed crime statistics for the Village of Garden City Long Island New York. In 2008 the village reported 11 Violent Crimes, 0 Murders, 0 Forcible Rapes, 10 Robberies, and 1 Aggravated Assault. The village also reported 265 Property Crimes, 22 Burglaries, 233 Larceny Thefts, and finally 10 Motor Vehicle Thefts. The crime of Arson was un-reported.

Village of Garden City(Nassau County) Community Quick Links:

Village of Garden City: www.gardencityny.net/gcvillage.htm

Garden City Police Department: www.gardencitypd.org/

Garden City Fire Department: 1st Due Engine & Truck Companies respond from Fire Station # 2 located at Edgemere Road & Stewart Avenue (516) 746-2800

Nassau County Police Department Home Page: www.police.nassaucountyny.gov/

Emergency Medical Technicians (Ambulance Service) for the Nassau County Community. The Nassau County Police Department handles calls for emergency medical services in the county. Below is the location, and phone number to the nearest hospital to the campus.

Winthrop-University Hospital
259 1st Street, Mineola , N.Y. 11501
(516) 663-0333
www.winthrop.org

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Home Page: www.adelphi.edu

Admissions: www.admissions.adelphi.edu

Maps & Directions: www.adelphi.edu/visitors/directions.php

Financial Aid: www.financialservices.adelphi.edu

Student Activities: www.student.adelphi.edu/sa/csi/campuslife

Student Clubs & Organizations:
www.students.adelphi.edu/sa/csi/campuslife/student_orgs/#academic

Fraternity & Sorority Life:
www.students.adelphi.edu/sa/csi/campuslife/student_orgs/#greek

Athletic Organizations: www.aupanthers.com

School Newspaper: www.delphian.adelphi.edu

Student Center: www.students.adelphi.edu/sa/uc/

Public Transportation Services:
www.administration.adelphi.edu/publicsafety/traffic/campus_transportation.php

Information Technology Center: www.Technology.adelphi.edu

Health Insurance: www.students.adelphi.edu/sa/hs/insurance.php

Health Services: www.students.adelphi.edu/sa/hs

On Campus Emergency Resources: www.administration.adelphi.edu/publicsafety

Student Housing: www.housing.adelphi.edu

University Meal Plan: www.students.adelphi.edu/sa/diningservices/mealplans.php

Off Campus Housing: www.students.adelphi.edu/sa/csi/csa/offcampus.php

Campus Parking: www.administration.adelphi.edu/publicsafety/traffic/index.php

Public Safety Plans & Procedures:
www.administration.adelphi.edu/publicsafety/polices/index.php

Emergency Communication:

www.administration.adelphi.edu/publicsafety/emergencyphones/index.php

Clery Act Policies & Procedures:

www.administration.adelphi.edu/publicsafety/report.php

The Your College Profile web site also contains an “Everything in New York City” document for families who wish to explore the NYC while visiting Adelphi University. This site contains a full list of hotels, restaurants, shopping, and entertainment, and tourism resources for families enjoying the region. Below is a sample list of local hotels and restaurants in Garden City Long Island.

The Garden City Hotel
45 7th Street
Garden City, N.Y. 11530

Hampton Inn/Garden City
1 North Avenue
Garden City, N.Y. 11530

Hyatt Place/Garden City
5 North Ave
Garden City N.Y. 11530

Holiday Inn/Westbury
369 Old Country Road
Carle Place, N.Y. 11514

Waterzooi Belgian Restaurant: 850 Franklin Ave, Garden City N.Y.

Grimaldi’s Brick Oven Pizzeria: 980 Franklin Ave

BK Sweeney’s Steak House: 636 Franklin Ave

Houlihan’s (National Chain Restaurant) 630 Old Country Road

California Café: 666 Old Country Road

Newport Grill: 176 7th Street, Garden City N.Y.

