FACTS & FIGURES HOWARD UNIVERSITY



Truth and Service

Howard University is one of the United States' most prestigious institutions of higher learning. Founded in 1867, Howard is a private, historically Black research university located in the heart of Washington, D.C. Proudly designated as an R1 institution — signifying the highest level of research activity, the university comprises 14 schools and colleges offering more than 120 programs of study leading to undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees. Howard operates with an enduring commitment to truth and service, a motto that continues to shape its mission and impact.

As a vibrant campus community, Howard also competes in 21 NCAA Division I sports, embodying a tradition of excellence both in the classroom and on the field.



WASHINGTON, D.C., & MD CAMPUSES



The only HBCU classified as a top Carnegie-designated research institution



Top HBCU in the Nation
Forbes America's Top Colleges 2025-26

TOP OPPORTUNITY COLLEGE

Among the nation's top colleges for access and high graduate earnings

STUDENTS **61** COUNTRIES





Diverse Issues in Higher Education/IPEDS



#50 MBA PROGRAM FORTUNE MAGAZINE

#88 BEST COLLEGES IN NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES¹

#1 LINKEDIN TOP HBCU
LINKEDIN TOP COLLEGES 2025

TOP 17

in the nation for social mobility and #1 in the Washington, D.C., area¹ **TOP 20**

in the nation for best undergraduate teaching¹



INSTITUTIONAL FAST FACTS²

3,000+

Graduate and Professional Degree Enrollment

1,400+

Undergraduate Courses 1,554

Faculty

14,500+

Total Number of Students²

39

Master's Degree Programs

13:1

Student to Faculty Ratio 8

Executive and Certificate Programs

49

Bachelor Programs

HU AT A GLANCE

STUDENT PROFILE

3.75 AVERAGE GPA

25 AVERAGE ACT SCORE

1.240 AVERAGE SAT SCORE

SCHOLAR

SCHWARZMAN **SCHOLARS**

MARSHALL SCHOLARS

RHODES SCHOLARS

12 TRUMAN SCHOLARS

25 PICKERING FELLOWS

165+ FULBRIGHT RECIPIENTS

ATHLETICS

TOTAL SPORTS **PROGRAMS**

138 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

SHAPING TOMORROW'S LEADERS



Howard ranked as the #1 HBCU for graduate programs in criminal law, constitutional law, dispute resolution, intellectual property law, health care law, trial advocacy law, economics, English, fine arts, history, political science, and speech pathology¹.



Howard University School of Law placed #13 in Law Schools with the most graduates at leading law firms, surpassing other institutions with stellar reputations¹.



Howard ranked as the **#1 HBCU** for undergraduate programs in business, computer science, economics, and psychology².

¹Source: U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges 2025. ²Source: U.S. News & World Report Graduate Schools 2025.



NOTABLE ALUMNI

- Debbie Allen (B.F.A. '71): Threetime Emmy Award-winning actress, director, and Kennedy Center honoree
- **Chadwick Boseman** (B.F.A. '00): Golden Globe-winning actor
- David Dinkins (B.S. '50): First Black mayor of New York, the largest U.S. city
- Kamala Harris (B.A. '86): First female and first woman of color to serve as U.S. vice president
- Taraji P. Henson (B.F.A. '95): Award-winning actress
- Zora Neale Hurston (A. Dip. 1920): Harlem Renaissance writer
- Thurgood Marshall (B.S. '33): First Black U.S. Supreme Court Justice
- Toni Morrison (B.A. '53): Nobel Prize laureate and writer
- L. Douglas Wilder (LL.B. '59): First African American to serve as governer of a U.S. state
- Edward Brooke (B.S. '41): First popularly elected Black U.S. senator

- Roberta Flack (B. Mus. '58): Twotime Grammy Award winner for record of the year
- Patricia Roberts Harris (B.A. '45): Former U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and U.S. Secretary of Health and **Human Services**
- Togo West (B.S. '65, J.D. '68): U.S. Former U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs and U.S. Secretary of the Army
- Gregory Meeks (J.D. '78): Member of Congress
- Summer Lee (J.D. '15): Member of Congress
- Anthony Anderson (B.F.A. '22): Actor, comedian, television host
- Phylicia Rashad (B.F.A. '70): Tony Award-winning star of the Cosby Show, Creed
- Andrew Young (B.S. '51): Former civil rights icon, Atlanta mayor, and U.S. ambassador to the **United Nations**

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