



# REED COLLEGE

PORTLAND, OREGON

Located in the progressive, dynamic city of **Portland, Oregon**, the Reed campus encompasses 116 acres of rolling lawns and winding paths, a century of distinct periods of architectural design, over 2,000 trees representing more than 125 species, and a 28-acre watershed that is home to a growing population of wildlife and native plants.



1,512

STUDENTS  
(ALL UNDERGRADUATES)

16

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

9:1

STUDENT-TO-FACULTY  
RATIO

1

HONOR PRINCIPLE

0

FRATERNITIES OR  
SORORITIES

Infinite

POINTS OF VIEW

# This is Reed.

Reed students are creative, self-propelled, passionate, and analytical. They take learning seriously, they care about participating in an inclusive environment, and they love Reed, one of the most intellectual colleges in the country.

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**PROFESSORS  
GET HIGH MARKS**

—Princeton Review 2023

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**BEST CLASSROOM  
EXPERIENCE**

—Princeton Review 2023





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PRINT VOLUMES

**1,143,032**  
EBOOKS

**22 million**  
BOOKS AVAILABLE  
THROUGH LIBRARY PARTNERSHIPS

**114,841**  
DIGITAL IMAGES

**Ever-changing**  
COLLECTION OF SENIOR THESES  
OF EVERY GRADUATE SINCE THE  
COLLEGE'S FOUNDING

# Academics

A 9:1 student-to-faculty ratio, all classes taught by professors rather than teaching assistants, and small conference-style classes provide a truly immersive learning experience. The curriculum—which begins with Hum 110, a yearlong foundational course in the humanities, and culminates in the senior thesis, a yearlong independent research project—emphasizes both breadth and depth. The faculty is committed to nurturing collaboration among students. The Reed experience encourages you not just to think independently but to think anew—to see the world through different eyes.

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**#4** PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO GO  
ON TO EARN PHDS IN ALL DISCIPLINES  
—National Science Foundation

**#2** PRODUCER OF RHODES  
SCHOLARS  
—Among liberal arts colleges

Students choose a major by the end of their sophomore year. With their faculty adviser, they plan a program of study in at least one discipline. Reed also offers dual-degree programs, which allow students to graduate with degrees from both Reed and an affiliated institution.

## MAJORS

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|--|--|--|
| • American Studies                     | • Dance-Theatre                              | • Music                                  |
| • Ancient Mediterranean Studies        | • Economics                                  | • Neuroscience                           |
| • Anthropology                         | • English                                    | • Philosophy                             |
| • Art                                  | • Environmental Studies                      | • Physics                                |
| • Biochemistry & Molecular Biology     | • French                                     | • Political Science                      |
| • Biology                              | • German                                     | • Psychology                             |
| • Chemistry                            | • History                                    | • Religion                               |
| • Chinese                              | • History-Literature                         | • Religion-Ancient Mediterranean Studies |
| • Comparative Literature               | • International & Comparative Policy Studies | • Religion-Political Science             |
| • Comparative Race & Ethnicity Studies | • Linguistics                                | • Russian                                |
| • Computer Science                     | • Literature-Theatre                         | • Sociology                              |
| • Dance                                | • Mathematics                                | • Spanish                                |
|  | • Mathematics-Computer Science               | • Theatre                                |

## MINORS

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|--|------------------------|-------------|
| • Chinese                              | • English              | • Latin     |
| • Comparative Race & Ethnicity Studies | • Film & Media Studies | • Music     |
| • Computer Science                     | • French               | • Russian   |
| • Dance                                | • German               | • Sociology |
| • Economics                            | • Greek                | • Spanish   |
|  | • Greek & Latin        | • Theatre   |

## DUAL-DEGREE AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- Engineering (Caltech, Columbia & Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute)
- Forestry-Environmental Sciences (Duke University)
- Premedical and Preveterinary Preparation

## Student/Professor Profile

**NISA BECERIKLISOY AND SUSAN RENN** | A biology major from New York City, Nisa Beceriklisoy says she's always been a "science person." When she started thinking about the senior thesis in her final year—all Reed students write them—she decided to work with Professor Susan Renn, who teaches behavioral genomics.

Nisa wanted to find out whether dopamine affects maternal behavior in cichlids, a type of fish that mouth-brood. Renn notes that although some of her research is focused on cichlids, this is a project she wouldn't have explored without her student's suggestion.

Once their babies are released from their mouths, most African cichlid fishes will retrieve them again at any sign of danger. Nisa worked with two populations of fishes, one wild and one lab stock. The wild stock quickly picked up their offspring when Nisa tapped on the aquarium glass. But with the lab stock, it was a case of out-of-mouth, out-of-mind. When those mothers got scared, they returned to the nest without their babies.

Nisa injected the lab stock with a dopamine agonist, which mimics the release of dopamine, to see if they would exhibit either more maternal behavior or more frequent maternal behaviors.

She says the opportunity to design her own project and work closely with her adviser far outweighed any inconveniences in handling the fish.



## Student Profile

**ALEXI HOROWITZ** | In his junior year at Reed, history major Alexi Horowitz won Reed's McGill Lawrence Internship Award. The award helps students take volunteer (unpaid) summer positions by providing up to \$4,000 for eight weeks of full-time work.

Alexi, who grew up in New Mexico, had always been fascinated by the converging and sometimes competing cultures of his home state; his senior thesis is focused on Santa Fe's complex archeological history.

For his internship, he worked with the New Mexico History Museum in Santa Fe, conducting interviews about the museum's exhibitions. One of his interview subjects was aural historian Jack Loeffler. "Loeffler taught me that listening is an art," Alexi says. "We have conversations, but don't take the time or care to focus attentively on what's being said. Beneath the words, subjects communicate in the cadence and rhythm of their speech."

Alexi's academic interest in history expanded through the internship. "In [New Mexico], it's easy to entrench ourselves in an inherited perspective—you see claims of precedence, and you see violence and injustice. The only way to build something constructive is to bring the stories together and allow them to co-inform one another without drowning each other out." It is a process, he says, that reminds him of the Reed classroom.



## Financial Aid

Reed meets **100%** of demonstrated need for admitted students.

Reed offers need-based financial aid using both the FAFSA and the CSS Profile to evaluate each family's financial resources and determine eligibility for financial aid.

- **More than half of Reed students receive aid.**
- **Reed keeps loan debt low.** The average loan debt is lower than the national average for four-year private colleges.
- Financial aid packages include a moderate loan and work-study expectation, and a student's remaining need is met with grant aid, which is not repaid after graduation.

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**#15** **GREAT FINANCIAL AID**  
out of 388 colleges  
—Princeton Review 2023

# Undergraduate Origins of Doctoral Degrees

## Percentage Ranking by Specific Fields of Study

### PSYCHOLOGY

1. **REED**
2. Vassar
3. Wellesley
4. Barnard
5. Williams
6. Wesleyan
7. Haverford
8. Union College at KY
9. Carleton
10. Spelman

### LIFE SCIENCES

1. Caltech
2. **REED**
3. Swarthmore
4. Grinnell
5. Carleton
6. MIT
7. Haverford
8. UC, Merced
9. New College of Florida
10. Harvey Mudd

### PHYSICAL SCIENCES

1. Caltech
2. Harvey Mudd
3. Carleton
4. **REED**
5. MIT
6. NM Inst. of Mining & Tech
7. Haverford
8. Swarthmore
9. Colorado School of Mines
10. Grinnell

### HUMANITIES

1. New England Cons. of Music
2. Juilliard
3. St. John's, MD
4. Manhattan School of Music
5. Swarthmore
6. Oberlin
7. **REED**
8. Wheaton
9. St. John's, NM
10. Sarah Lawrence

### SOCIAL SCIENCES

1. Macalester
2. Swarthmore
3. Wesleyan
4. **REED**
5. Harvard
6. Williams
7. Carleton
8. Pomona
9. Dartmouth
10. Bryn Mawr

## Percentage Ranking of Doctorates by Academic Field

### ALL DISCIPLINES

1. Caltech
2. Harvey Mudd
3. Swarthmore
4. **REED**
5. Carleton
6. MIT
7. New College of Florida
8. University of Chicago
9. Grinnell
10. Haverford

### SOCIAL SCIENCES

1. Swarthmore
2. **REED**
3. University of Chicago
4. Williams
5. Carleton
6. Pomona
7. Wesleyan
8. Wellesley
9. Grinnell
10. Macalester

### SCIENCE & MATH

1. Caltech
2. Harvey Mudd
3. MIT
4. Carleton
5. **REED**
6. Swarthmore
7. Case Western Reserve Univ.
8. NM Inst. of Mining & Tech
9. Rice
10. Grinnell

### HUMANITIES & ARTS

1. St. John's, MD
2. New England Cons. of Music
3. **REED**
4. Swarthmore
5. St. John's, NM
6. Oberlin
7. Yale
8. Bryn Mawr
9. Sarah Lawrence
10. University of Chicago

Source: National Science Foundation and Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System. The listing, which is the most recent data available, shows the top institutions in the nation ranked by estimated percentage of graduates who went on to earn a doctoral degree in selected disciplines between 2010–2019.



# Graduate Schools

## Most Frequently Attended by Reed Alumni

### BUSINESS

University of Chicago  
Portland State University  
Harvard University  
University of Washington  
Columbia University  
University of Pennsylvania  
Stanford University  
Yale University  
University of California, Berkeley  
University of Oregon  
University of California, Los Angeles

### DOCTORAL STUDY

University of California, Berkeley  
University of Washington  
University of Chicago  
Stanford University  
University of Oregon  
Harvard University  
Cornell University  
Columbia University  
University of California, Los Angeles  
Yale University  
University of Wisconsin, Madison

### LAW

Lewis & Clark Law School  
University of California, Berkeley  
University of Oregon  
University of Washington  
New York University  
University of Chicago  
Yale University  
Harvard University  
University of California, Hastings Law Sch.  
Cornell University  
Georgetown University

### MEDICINE

Oregon Health & Science University  
University of Washington  
Washington University (St. Louis)  
University of California, San Francisco  
Stanford University  
Harvard University  
Case Western Reserve University  
Cornell University  
John Hopkins University  
University of Southern California  
University of Minnesota

Source: 2022 Reed alumni database

# Awards & Fellowships

Prestigious national and international scholarships and awards won by Reedies

**191** National Science Foundation Fellowships

**117** Fulbright Students

**72** Thomas J. Watson Fellows

**61** Guggenheim Fellowships

**32** Rhodes Scholars\*  
*\*second highest number from a liberal arts college*

**27** Reed alumni have been elected to the  
**National Academies of Sciences,  
Engineering, and Medicine.**

**29** Reed alumni have been elected to the  
**American Academy of Arts and Sciences.**

Source: 2022 Reed alumni database



## THE HONOR PRINCIPLE

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Reed's Honor Principle promotes a culture of trust and respect: exams are unmonitored, and community members engage in conscientious self-reflection about their words and actions.

# Community

At its founding, Reed rejected fraternal societies and varsity sports. Over the years, this early commitment to a unified campus that fosters inclusivity and diversity rather than stratification and competition has grown and strengthened. Reed's 91 student groups—organized around various social, political, and religious interests—are open to all. Reed students—guided by fierce curiosity, profound thoughtfulness, and the Honor Principle—collaborate, embrace challenges, and have a lot of fun.

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**LGBTQ-FRIENDLY**  
—Princeton Review  
2023

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**MOST DIVERSE  
COLLEGE IN OREGON**  
—Niche Best Colleges 2022

#6

**BEST COLLEGE  
RADIO STATION**  
—Princeton Review 2023





## Reed Activities & Traditions

### CANYON DAY

Reed's oldest tradition is devoted to the 28-acre watershed that runs through campus. On Canyon Day, the community gathers to plant native flora, pull weeds, and work to protect and restore this critical part of Portland's Crystal Springs Creek.

### GREAT REEDIE BAKE-OFF

At the annual Great Reenie Bake-Off, teams of students face unique culinary challenges—like crafting treats that represent world literature, anarchist philosophy, and molecular diagrams—in front of a live audience of fellow Reenies.

### PAIDEIA

Both an academic and social tradition, Paideia (from *paideuein*, to educate) is an event that deviates from Reed's classical curriculum to allow any community member to share a passion, a hobby, or their expertise through workshops and seminars.

### REED ARTS WEEK

Reed Arts Week, an annual student-curated celebration of the visual and performing arts, showcases the work of both students and major artists.

### RENN FAYRE SOFTBALL

For the long-standing tradition of Renn Fayre softball, students and faculty members in each department come up with suitable—and rousing—team names, such as the “Gold Standard” (economics), the “μstangs” (that’s mu-stangs, physics), “The Incumbents” (political science), and the “Catchers in the Rye” (English).



## FALL IN LOVE WITH PORTLAND

Reed College is located in a residential neighborhood in Portland, a city famous for its remarkable food scene, relaxed West Coast vibe, and under-the-radar boutiques.

Crisscrossed by bike paths, public transportation, and bridges, Portland is home to an inspiring music scene, internationally recognized museums and galleries, and Powell's, the largest independent bookstore in the world.

Providing a natural balance to the greater metropolitan area are the windswept beaches of the mighty Pacific and the snowcapped mountains of the Cascade Range. Reed even owns a ski cabin at Mount Hood—about an hour away.

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**WORLD'S MOST  
BIKE-FRIENDLY CITIES**

—MentalFloss

#6

**BEST RUNNING CITIES**

—*Runner's World*

#17

**BEST MUSIC CITIES**

—*Travel + Leisure*



# Applying to Reed

Applicants to Reed may choose from two application platforms. Reed partners with the **Coalition for College**, a group of over 150 colleges and universities, and is a member of the **Common Application**, a group of over 900 colleges and universities.

- [coalitionforcollegeaccess.org](https://coalitionforcollegeaccess.org)
- [commonapp.org](https://commonapp.org)

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

Early Decision I	November 15
Early Action	November 15
Early Decision II	December 20
Regular First-Year	January 15
Transfer	March 1

# 100%

### FINANCIAL AID

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# 2022 First-Year Class Profile\*

## 400 STUDENTS

9,023 applications  
31% acceptance rate

### SCHOOLING

54% public schools  
32% private schools  
8% charter or home schools  
6% parochial schools

### DEMOGRAPHICS – US DOMESTIC

5% African American or Black  
16% Asian or Pacific Islander  
12% Hispanic  
3% Native American  
64% White  
26% Identify as multiracial  
5% International students

### GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

30% California  
16% Mountain/Southwest  
15% Northeast  
14% Oregon & Washington  
10% Midwest  
7% South  
5% International  
1% Alaska & Hawaii

In 2022–23, Reed's 1,512 students came from **49 states**—as well as from Washington, D.C.—and from **25 countries**, including Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, China, Ethiopia, France, Georgia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Italy, Kuwait, Mexico, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Russia, South Korea, Spain, Taiwan, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and Vietnam.

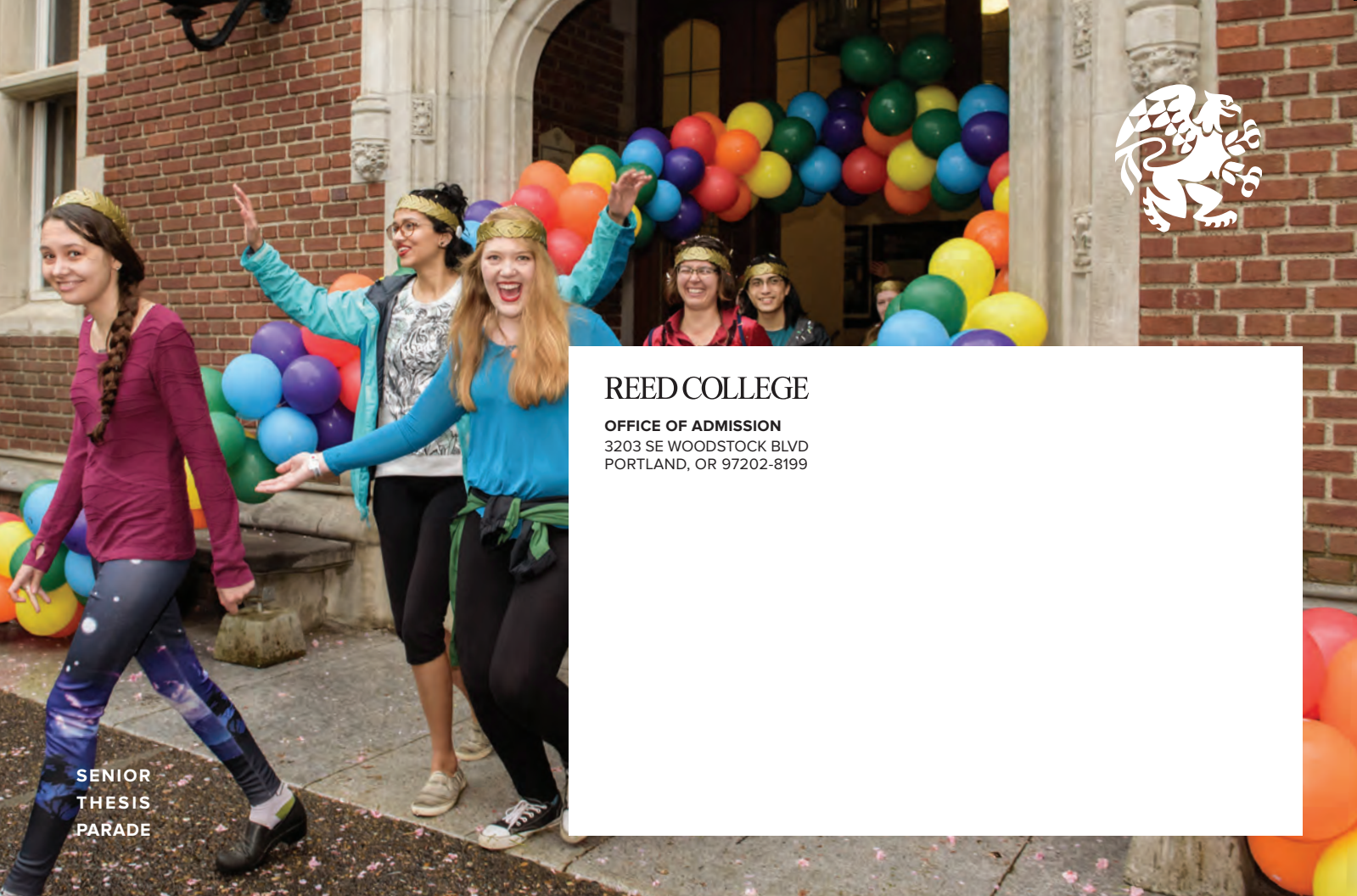
*\*The 2022 first-year class profile is current as of August 2022. Please note: due to rounding, percentages may not add up to 100.*

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## REED COLLEGE

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