

East Tennessee State University Profile

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History

East Tennessee State University is a state-supported, coeducational institution governed by the Tennessee Board of Regents, the sixth largest higher education system in the country. Chartered in 1909 as East Tennessee State Normal School, the institution became East Tennessee State Teachers College in 1925 and, five years later, State Teachers College, Johnson City. Beginning in 1943, the institution was known as East Tennessee State College for 20 years. Today ETSU is a multifaceted university offering baccalaureate, graduate and professional programs of study through its College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business and Technology, College of Clinical and Rehabilitative Health Sciences, Claudius G. Clemmer College of Education, James H. Quillen College of Medicine, College of Nursing, Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy, College of Public Health and School of Continuing Studies.

Student Population

ETSU provides outstanding programs of study, enhanced access to education, and distinctive educational and research opportunities to attract students from around the region and the world. ETSU has a student population of over 13,800, including undergraduate, graduate, medical students and medical residents. Although the majority of students are from Tennessee and the surrounding southeastern region, over 40 states and over 60 foreign countries are also represented. Over 87 percent of the university's students receive federal, state or private sources of financial aid.

Academic Overview

ETSU prepares students to become productive, enlightened citizens who actively serve their communities and our world. The university awards degrees in over one hundred undergraduate, graduate and professional programs, including distinctive interdisciplinary programs. In addition to degree programs for residential and commuting students, it offers many programs online or at sites beyond the main campus in Johnson City. The university affirms the value of a liberal education and broadly enriching experiences that include honors education, student research and creative activity, international study, and community service.

In keeping with our mission as a doctoral/research-intensive university, ETSU's faculty, students and staff produce scholarly and creative work of the highest quality. To sustain and enhance their work the university secures financial support through partnerships with broader communities.

Athletics

ETSU participates at the NCAA Division I level in all sports and is a member of the Atlantic Sun Conference. The university sponsors 17 intercollegiate sports, including men's baseball, basketball, soccer, cross country, golf, tennis, and indoor and outdoor track and fields; and women's basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, indoor and outdoor track and field, and volleyball.

Calendar

East Tennessee State University operates on a semester calendar comprising a fall semester in which students begin classes in late August and complete final exams prior to the Christmas holidays; a spring semester in which students begin classes in early January and complete them during the first week of May; pre-summer, a three-week intensive study term beginning in mid-May; and two five-week summer sessions, one beginning in early June and the other in mid-July.

The Faculty

The university has 675 full-time faculty members, of whom approximately 75% hold terminal degrees. The average class size is 20.

About the Region

Situated in northeast Tennessee, ETSU's main campus is located in Johnson City, with a branch campus in Kingsport and a location in Elizabethton. The university offers courses and cohort programs at many locations throughout its service region and online courses across the nation and around the world. Johnson City, Kingsport and Bristol (Tennessee/Virginia) are part of the Tri-Cities Tennessee/Virginia region, with a population exceeding 490,000. Johnson City is located near the state lines of Virginia, Kentucky, West Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina. Interstate highways 26 and 81 provide immediate access to the area as does the Tri-Cities Regional Airport. Recreational opportunities abound in the region's mountains and lakes, including climbing and hiking, skiing, white water rafting, boating, fishing and golfing.

Alumni

More than 79,000 people have graduated from ETSU since 1911. Many recipients of undergraduate degrees return to pursue graduate studies. Some 45,000 of ETSU's alumni reside within a 100-mile radius of the university, while over 44,000 live in Tennessee alone.

Cultural Diversity

ETSU affirms that a diverse population is necessary for the intellectual, social, economic, and cultural development of our campus and region. Through our teaching, research and public service, we honor the fundamental human values of compassion, tolerance and understanding, and we seek to create and perpetuate an environment in which diversity of people and thought is celebrated.