



2024-2025 FACT SHEET

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Founded: In 1877 as Walden Seminary by the Little Rock Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1882, the name was changed to Philander Smith College and it was chartered as a four-year college on March 3, 1883. On August 1, 2023 it was renamed Philander Smith University.

Interim President: Dr. Maurice Gipson

Fall 2023 Enrollment Statistics: Headcount: 780

Undergraduate: 755 Graduate: 25

Females: 52% Males: 48%

Full Time: 661 (85%) Part Time: 119 (15%)

Student Body Ethnicity:

Non Resident Alien	8.1%	Hispanic / Latino	3.1%
American Indian / Alaska Native	.3%	Asian	0%
Black / African American	79%	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	.4%
White	6.4%	Two or More Races	1.3%
Unknown	1.5%		

Geographic Origin of Student Body: 59% from Arkansas 33% U.S. non Arkansas 8% International

Freshman Class: Headcount: 121 Female 42% Male 58%

Geographic Origin of Freshman Class: 64.5% from Arkansas 28.9% from other states 6.6% International

Retention: (Percent of the 169 first-time full-time freshman from Fall 2023 who returned in Fall 2024) 66%

Graduation Rates: (2018 Freshman Cohort) 4 Year: 19% 6 Year: 31%

Academic Programs:

17 Undergraduate Majors in 5 Academic Divisions: Business and Economics, Education, Humanities, Natural and Physical Sciences, and Social Sciences

1 Graduate Program: Master of Business Administration in the Business and Economics Division

Campus based and Online offering of the Major "Criminal Justice" in the Social Sciences Division

Total Employees:

Full Time Faculty 36

Full Time Staff 70

Part Time Faculty 71

Part Time Staff 3

Student to Faculty Ratio 13:1

Undergraduate Tuition and Fees: \$11,804

Room and Board: \$6,000

Graduate Tuition: \$21,600

Campus: 25 acres located just south of downtown Little Rock - Arkansas's State Capitol.

Athletics: Philander Smith College participates in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), fielding teams in men's and women's basketball, women's volleyball, men's and women's track and field and men's and women's cross country while playing in the GulfCoast Athletic Conference. The mascot is the Panther, and the school colors are green and gold.

Accredited by: The Higher Learning Commission, The Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs, The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation, and The Council on Social Work Education

Approved by: The Arkansas Department of Education and the University Senate of the United Methodist Church.