

Facts

EVERY STUDENT SHOULD KNOW



ROBERT MORRIS UNIVERSITY
ILLINOIS

Welcome to

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Student success is at the forefront at Robert Morris University. Our faculty and staff make revisions and adaptations to coursework and services in order to assist you in your career preparation.

We have prepared this booklet based on questions we've received from students—either questions about RMU or about other institutions. Please utilize this as an additional tool with which to compare Robert Morris to other higher education institutions in your selection pool. By selecting a university that is the best fit for you, the outcome of your collective experiences will be more than you expected.

We are proud to showcase our student organizations, our athletic teams, and the value of an RMU degree in the following pages. I look forward to seeing you at Robert Morris University.

Sincerely,



Mablene Krueger
President

Mission:

Robert Morris University offers professional, career-focused education in a collegiate setting to diverse communities.

Institutional Description and Characteristics:

Robert Morris University, a not-for-profit institution, focuses on balancing theory to practice, creating extraordinary opportunities for students in the tradition of its namesake revolutionary hero, who assisted in setting a pathway of opportunity for our nation.

Credentials

Regional accreditation is a measure of the quality of an institution and its degrees. Robert Morris is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, a regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. This is the same accreditation maintained by state universities and other private not-for-profit institutions.

In order to be granted this accreditation, institutions go through an extensive review process that includes being evaluated by representatives from other institutions. Robert Morris University was last reviewed by the Higher Learning Commission in 2011 and was granted approval for the maximum length of time, which is ten years. In addition, RMU has earned specialized accreditations by academic divisions.

While most universities have some accreditation, often it is national accreditation. National accreditation is not the same as regional accreditation and should not be considered equivalent. Many trade schools, career colleges, and for-profit institutions have national accreditation with different standards and expectations than regional accreditation.



INTERESTING FACT:

Accreditations are not all of the same quality. Some accreditors approve particular programs of study but not the institution. Regional accreditation, like the accreditation provided by the Higher Learning Commission, is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, and is usually seen as the most desirable.

The RMU Difference

Illinois has several private educational institutions that are “proprietary” – that is, they exist to turn a profit. Robert Morris University, on the other hand, was founded as a not-for-profit institution, which means it exists solely to provide a high-quality, affordable education.

The University’s operating budget is funded not only by tuition, but also by government funding, private community groups and organizations, and individual contributions. All monies are put back into the institution in the form of maintaining and improving facilities, upgrading equipment, and securing and retaining talented, experienced staff.



THE NOT-FOR-PROFIT STATUS OF OUR UNIVERSITY IS CENTRAL TO OUR MISSION: STUDENTS ARE THE PRIMARY CONSIDERATION.

INTERESTING FACT:

An example of a not-for-profit organization is a church or the YMCA. Funds raised are invested back into the organization for the benefit of its members. This is how it works at RMU. An example of a for-profit organization is Home Depot or McDonald’s; a large portion of funds raised must be returned to the owners or stockholders.

Student Success

Robert Morris has a comprehensive program to prepare students for their careers, beginning at the start of their freshman year. **Experienced-based learning** curriculum focuses directly on career exploration needs of freshmen and sophomores, while the upper division coursework supports specific needs of students ready to embark or advance within their professions. RMU has integrated projects into its curriculum that allow students to interact with industry professionals so they can begin building their experiences and resumes while still enrolled.

RMU will:

- assist the student in developing career strategy that incorporates Robert Morris University academic credentials.
- assist the student in developing resumes and related career-search materials.
- provide experiences in the classroom that will help students build their skill sets.
- simulate professional interviews through structured practice sessions.
- provide access to career fairs, employer interviews and networking opportunities.
- assist the student in evaluation of interviews and job search experiences.
- bring real-world experiences into the classroom.



Robert Morris University's **Integration Projects** allow students to work as consultants with clients in an authentic work environment, all while earning "Integration Level" credentials, credit towards their degree, and valuable work experience.

CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT

RMU's curriculum consists of four required courses, one for each year of study, specifically designed to assist students in managing their career goals. Career information is collected and calculated six months after graduation. This data provides information on satisfaction with support services, employment and further education.

-81% of graduates report being employed 6 months after graduation and 9% of bachelor's degree graduates are attending graduate programs 6 months after graduation.

-71% of students report being employed at graduation.

-40% of graduates report making over \$40,000 a year.

-88% of graduates report being satisfied with RMU's career readiness coursework.

-73% of students report being satisfied with internship assistance.

-78% of graduates report being satisfied with Career Services.

-73% of students report being satisfied with RMU's annual Career Fair.

Report based on six month survey and graduation survey

Student Experience



Students who are part of a student club or organization have the opportunity to develop their skills in the areas of leadership, teamwork, communications, organization, time management and event planning. Student-athletes are role models for other Robert Morris University students and are ambassadors representing the University to outside constituents.

Clubs and Organizations:

- ANIME CLUB
- ARMY ROTC
- CAD CLUB
- CARD FIGHT CLUB
- C.A.L.M.
- COOKS FOR A CAUSE
- CULINARY SOCIETY
- EAGLE NEWSPAPER
- EAGLE SCHOLARS
- THE EGG
- FILM APPRECIATION CLUB
- GOLDEN EAGLES
- HERMOSA ENIGMA
- HOSPITALITY CLUB
- LEX
- LEGAL EAGLES
- MORRIS MEN
- MORRIS WOMEN
- PHI ETA SIGMA NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
- SIGMA BETA DELTA HONOR SOCIETY
- MORRIS STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE SOCIETY FOR HR MANAGEMENT
- STUDENT COUNCIL
- STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE (S.I.F.E.)
- STUDENT NURSING SOCIETY
- TAU SIGMA-GAMMA OMEGA CHAPTER
- UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF THE USA (UNA-USA)
- UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CLUB
- WARRIORS TO SCHOLARS

For a full list, please visit robertmorris.edu/studentlife

The University encourages and values the contributions of all individuals reflecting a real-world diversity.

THE RMU *Eagles*

Robert Morris University is a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and competes within the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC), and the Mid-States Football Association (MSFA).

The Robert Morris University Hockey Team competes in the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA), the Cheerleader Team competes in the National Cheerleaders Association (NCA), the Dance Team competes in the National Dance Alliance (NDA), and the Bowling Teams compete in the United States Bowling Congress (USBC).

The Robert Morris University Peoria and Springfield campuses are members of the United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA) and the Peoria Football team competes in the National Club Football Association (NCFA).

Men's Athletics

Baseball
Basketball
Bowling
Cheer
Cross Country
Football
Golf
Hockey
Lacrosse
Soccer
Spirit Team
Track and Field
Volleyball

Women's Athletics

Basketball
Bowling
Cheer
Cross Country
Dance
Golf
Hockey
Soccer
Softball
Spirit Team
Track and Field
Volleyball

Performing Arts

Color Guard
Drumline
Jazz Band
Marching Eagles
Show Choir
Theater

esports

CS:GO
Hearthstone
Heroes of the Storm
League of Legends
Overwatch
Smash Brothers



RMU FACTS

SELECTED POINTS OF DISTINCTION



FACT #24

RMU's community of students represents 30 countries.



FACT #2

RMU awarded over \$30 million in scholarships last year.



FACT #6

RMU is ranked in the top tier of regional universities by *U.S. News & World Report*.



FACT #14

RMU students rate the quality of their student, faculty, and administrative relationships higher than students at peer colleges and universities.



FACT #3

The average time to degree in the nation is over 6 years. 97% of RMU bachelor's degree graduates finished in 4 years or less.



FACT #8

RMU's tuition consistently ranks as one of the lowest private tuitions in Illinois.



FACT #17

Leadership doesn't just take place in the classroom... RMU supports over **55 intercollegiate** athletic teams - more than any other university in Illinois.



FACT #26

98% of RMU courses are designed to facilitate experiential learning.



FACT #12

71% of bachelor's degree graduates are **employed at graduation.**

Your Success

Students are accepted to Robert Morris after a thorough review of their backgrounds, including previous education and work experience. Only students who have a record of success are admitted.



Transfer of Credit

The best way to ensure the ultimate use of your coursework is to finish your degree at the college where you started. When a student transfers from any college without earning a degree, the second institution must then look at each course individually to determine transfer of credit. Once a degree is earned from a regionally accredited institution, transfer of credit is typically much easier.

A few helpful hints about transfer of credit:

- The institution to which a student is transferring may choose to accept or not accept any courses from the original institution.
- The student's major can make a big difference. For instance, if a student is transferring from psychology to engineering, very little of the psychology coursework would pertain to engineering. Thus, very little transfer of credit might apply.
- The best way to get the most of your credit is to finish at the institution where you began.

INTERESTING FACT:

RMU graduates have transferred coursework to every major state university in Illinois. However, keep in mind that decisions are at the discretion of the receiving college. RMU credit is not designed to transfer on a course-by-course basis.



Robert Morris University's tuition consistently ranks as one of the most affordable private universities in Illinois.

Illinois Colleges and Universities 2017-18 Tuition

DePaul University	\$39,010
St. Xavier University	\$33,380
Illinois College	\$33,066
Bradley University	\$32,930
Millikin University	\$32,530
Dominican University	\$32,140
University of St. Francis	\$31,470
Lewis University	\$31,250
Roosevelt University	\$28,963
Robert Morris University	\$27,180

Source: www.usnews.com

RMU was rated the **MOST DIVERSE** university in the midwest for the 7th year in a row.

- US NEWS & WORLD REPORT -



RMU Scholarships & Grants

Last year, Robert Morris University provided more than \$30 million in scholarships to its students. This is in addition to the millions of dollars of state and federal financial aid that the University administers in the form of grants, scholarships, and loans.

RMU maintains a large staff of expert financial aid counselors to help students who qualify obtain the assistance to which they are entitled. More than 95 percent of RMU students receive some form of financial aid.

RMU awards scholarships and grants:

- Athletic Scholarships
- Community College Grants
- Community Economic Development Grants
- Corporate Partner Grants
- Leadership Scholarships
- Military Veteran Grants
- Community-Based Grants
- Residential Grants
- Phi Theta Kappa Scholarships

Total grants and scholarship dollars cannot exceed the cost of RMU tuition.



Other sources for funding your education:

- Private Sources
- Employee Tuition Reimbursement
- Military Reimbursement

LOAN LEVELS

Federal law defines aggregate student loan limits for undergraduate and graduate degrees. RMU encourages conservative student borrowing in order to minimize student debt. However, the student may borrow up to the cost of attendance. All repayment arrangements are made between the lender/servicer and are the borrower's responsibility.

FINANCIAL PLANS

RMU offers interest-free payment plans to qualified individuals.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are awarded based on various criteria. All are limited and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis once students qualify.

Consumer Information

TRANSFER OF CREDIT (INTO RMU)

RMU accepts transfer of credit from other institutions; however, credit is only accepted if it is relevant to the degree pursued.

TRANSFER OF CREDIT (OUT OF RMU)

RMU coursework is designed for your success at Robert Morris. RMU credit may transfer to other institutions; however, all transfer of credit is evaluated by the receiving institution. Credit transfers best when evaluated as part of an earned degree; course-by-course credit is typically more difficult to transfer to and from any college or university.

CLASS AVAILABILITY

RMU operates on an accelerated timetable. Over 90% of graduates complete their bachelor's degrees in less than four years. RMU coursework is designed around students who are enrolled on a full-time basis; otherwise, students may need to take courses at multiple campuses, various times or additional quarters in order to meet graduation requirements. Some specialized classes are offered once a year. Students who enroll on a less-than-full-time basis have no guarantee of date of completion.

PROGRAM AVAILABILITY

The University reserves the right to cancel a program or course based on enrollment.

LICENSURE PROGRAMS

The **Bachelor of Science in Nursing** prepares students to become registered nurses by taking the NCLEX-RN exam and to obtain licensure from the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR).

Robert Morris University's Nursing Program is accredited by the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). One DuPont Circle • NW Suite 530 • Washington, DC 20036
(202) 887-6791 • www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation

For additional accreditation and certification information, visit robertmorris.edu/accreditation/
For additional consumer information, visit robertmorris.edu/consumerinfo/

RMU Alumni



Derek Armstrong CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER,
MIDWEST ORTHOPEDIC CENTER

“The affordability of the MBA program at RMU allowed me to obtain educational requirements necessary to advance in my career.”



Glenda Cardenas MARKETING MANAGER, SIEMENS

“The support of faculty and staff alike were key to the many successes I experienced at RMU, which resulted in honors recognition during graduation and the Sigma Beta Delta honor society.”



Todd Escolona SYSTEMS ENGINEER, CISCO

“Through networking and RMU’s CISCO partnership, I managed to match my degree to a rewarding position with a leading global company.”



Natasha Granholm PARTNER,
PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS

“I am grateful to RMU for the education I received. I am just so pleased that I am in a position to be able to give something back in return.”



Lauren Haselberger

BEVERAGE MANAGER,
PALMER HOUSE HILTON

“The emphasis RMU placed on business management within my culinary coursework landed me a dream job in hospitality management.”



Brandon Miles

SEASON TICKET SERVICES
& RETENTION COORDINATOR,
MIAMI HEAT

“RMU gave me the confidence to get an education. The faculty, staff, and fellow students provided both academic and personal support which motivated me every day.”



Salvador Jimenez

ARTIST, LURIE CHILDREN'S
HOSPITAL INSTALLATION

“The artist-in-residence fellowship gave me the confidence to believe in my work as an interdisciplinary artist.”



Ana Kostic

CISCO DREAM TEAM WINNER

“At RMU, I was able to excel beyond the classroom. As a student-athlete my leadership abilities spilled over and made me a CISCO Dream Team winner.”

QUICK FACTS ABOUT RMU:

- Type of Institution: Private, Not-for-Profit
 - Year Founded: 1913
- Student Body: 4,000 Full-Time Equivalent Enrollment
 - Application Deadline: Please visit the website

GRADUATE PROGRAMS:

Master of Business Administration
Master of Information Systems
Master of Management
Master of Science

FIELDS OF STUDY:

Accounting	MBA
Accounting/Finance	MBA
Human Resource Management	MBA
Management	MBA
Management/Finance	MBA
Data Analytics	MIS
Information Security	MIS
Information Systems Management	MIS
Human Performance	MS
Health Care Administration	MM
Higher Education Administration	MM
Law Enforcement Administration	MM
Sports Administration	MM

BACHELOR'S PROGRAMS:

Bachelor of Business Administration
Bachelor of Applied Science in Computer Studies
Bachelor of Applied Science in Graphic Design
Bachelor of Professional Studies
Bachelor of Science

FIELDS OF STUDY:

Accounting	BS
Exercise, Nutrition, & Health Sciences	BS
Nursing	BS
Psychology	BS
Computer Networking	BAS
Graphic Design	BAS
Advanced Culinary Arts	BPS
Architectural Technology	BPS
Health & Wellness	BPS
Law Enforcement Administration	BPS
Law Office Administration	BPS
Management	BBA

Students are encouraged to learn more about
Robert Morris University's institutional accreditations,
program accreditations, approvals, & certifications by visiting
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