



COLLEGE of the OZARKS®

Fast Facts

College of the Ozarks is a private, Christian college located in Point Lookout, Missouri, on a 1,000-acre campus. Christian values, hard work, and financial responsibility comprise the fundamental building blocks of the “Hard Work U.” experience. The vision of the College is to develop citizens of Christ-like character who are well-educated, hardworking, and patriotic.

- College of the Ozarks began as a work school for deserving Ozarks youth in 1906.
- The Work Program has always been an integral part of the institution. All students work an average of 15 hours each week at one of the 100 campus workstations in exchange for full financial assistance for tuition.
- In 1973, the Wall Street Journal dubbed College of the Ozarks “Hard Work U.” The moniker stuck and is widely known today.
- College of the Ozarks is the eleventh most selective institution in the nation (acceptance rate is 8-12 percent), ranking just below Yale and Princeton and more selective than MIT.
- Prospective students must demonstrate financial need, academic ability, and sound character with a willingness to work.
- Current student enrollment is 1,562.
- College of the Ozarks was rated No. 1 “Best Value Regional College in the Midwest” and No. 1 “Most Innovative School” by U.S. News and World Report in 2018.



Work Colleges are an exceptional group of four-year, degree granting, liberal arts institutions that engage students in the purposeful integration of work, learning, and service. The work college model is student-centered and designed to enhance and enrich the educational experience while reducing the cost of education. Unique to work colleges is the requirement that resident students participate in a work-learning-service program for all four years of enrollment. Working in a supportive campus environment has been shown to have a positive effect on college persistence and degree completion.

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Forbes No. 1 Top 25 Low Debt Private Colleges, 2017

100%

When they graduate, students leave the “Gates of Opportunity” debt-free. The College guarantees to meet 100% of total cost for each full-time student without loans of any kind.

Students Graduate Debt-Free! The College guarantees to meet 100% of total tuition cost for each full-time student without loans of any kind.





LOW DEBT & CAREER READY*

49.6%

of 2018 graduates
had ZERO debt!

69%

of 2018 graduates
had less than
\$10,000 in student
loan debt

64.8%

of full-time degree
seeking students are
PELL eligible

5000

The number of
full-time students
participating in the
comprehensive
work-learning-
service program (per
federal regulation).

13:1

The average student
faculty ratio

*data compiled in Fall 2018 from all WCC member institutions

WHAT EMPLOYERS WANT

1. Problem solving skills
2. Ability to work in a team
3. Communication skills (written)
4. Leadership
5. Strong work ethic
6. Analytical skills
7. Communication skills (verbal)
8. Initiative
9. Detail oriented
10. Flexibility and adaptability

Source: Job Outlook 2018 | National Association of Colleges and Employers | www.nace.org

WORK COLLEGES PREPARE AND DELIVER



91%

of the respondents*
agreed that the
Work Program
experience helped
to develop/
strengthen problem-
solving skills.



87%

of the respondents*
agreed that the
Work Program
experience helped to
develop/strengthen
skills for working
cooperatively in
groups/teams.



90%

of the respondents*
agreed that the
Work Program
experience helped to
develop/strengthen
communication
skills.



89%

of the respondents*
agreed that the
Work Program
experience helped to
develop/strengthen
leadership skills.



85%

of the respondents*
agreed that the
Work Program
experience helped to
develop/strengthen
work ethic.

*Spring 2018 Graduates from Berea College, Blackburn College, College of the Ozarks, and Warren Wilson College.



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By the Numbers



U.S. News and World Report

Best Colleges 2018:

- No. 1 Best Value Regional College in the Midwest
- No. 1 Most Innovative School
- No. 5 Best Regional College in the Midwest
- No. 4 Best Undergraduate Teaching

U.S. News and World Report

Short List:

- 10 Colleges Where Graduates Have the Least Debt



No. of Students and Veterans Who Have Traveled with Patriotic Education Travel Program

Students	365
Veterans	160
Most Recent Patriotic Education Travel Program Trip	Vietnam



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Accolades

Washington Monthly, 2017

- No. 1 Best Bang for the Buck Midwest Colleges
- No. 2 Top 100 Baccalaureate Colleges

The Princeton Review

- The Best 382 Colleges, 2018 Edition

The Chronicle of Higher Education

- 2017, No. 7 in 25 Most-Selective 4-Year Colleges, private institutions
- One of 2018 Great Colleges to Work For

Christianuniversitiesonline.org

- No. 1, Top 50 Best Christian Colleges and Universities, 2018
- No. 1, 50 Most Affordable Christian Colleges and Universities, 2017
- No. 1, Top 50 Christian Colleges & Universities with the Lowest Debt Burden, 2017
- No. 4, Top 10 Christian College Visual Arts Programs, 2017

Forbes

- No. 1 Top 25 Low Debt Private Colleges, 2017

Money Magazine, 2017

- No. 1 College in Missouri

TripAdvisor

- 2016, 2017, 2018 – The Keeter Center at College of the Ozarks made the list of Top 10 Small Hotels in the U.S.



63%

Graduation rate



18

Countries represented



13

Number of
Intercollegiate sports



14:1

Student/teacher ratio



50+

Degree programs

