

## Central College

Pella, IA

Central is a church-affiliated, liberal arts college. The 133-acre modern campus is located in Pella, 45 miles southeast of Des Moines.

Website: [www.central.edu/](http://www.central.edu/)



Private



Co-ed

**1,274**  
Undergraduate  
Students

(52.6%)  670 Women

(47.4%)  604 Men



**Not reported**  
Graduate  
Students

### Admission

Entrance Difficulty	Moderately difficult
Overall Admission Rate	64% of 3,071 applicants were admitted
Early Action Offered	No
Early Decision Offered	No
Regular Admission Deadline	August 15

### Qualifications of Enrolled Freshmen

Average GPA	3.56
SAT Math	Not reported
SAT EBRW	Not reported
ACT Composite	24 average 20-26 range of middle 50%

### Money Matters

Cost of Attendance	\$53,402
Tuition and Fees	\$38,600
Room and Board	\$10,280
Average Percent of Need Met	83%
Average Freshman Award	\$33,519
Average Indebtedness of 2018 Graduates	\$36,854


**Academics**

Academic Calendar System	Semester
General Education/Core Curriculum	<b>Required for most or all students</b>
Full-Time Faculty Teaching Undergraduates	<b>100</b>
Regular Class Size	<b>2-9 students: 23% of classes</b> <b>10-19 students: 47% of classes</b> <b>20-29 students: 27% of classes</b> <b>30-39 students: 2% of classes</b> <b>50-99 students: 1% of classes</b>


**Campus Life**

Pella Population	<b>10,344</b>
Nearest Metropolitan Area	<b>Des Moines</b>
Freshman Housing Guarantee	<b>Freshmen are guaranteed housing</b>
Students in College Housing	<b>91% of all students</b>
Athletic Conferences	<b>NCAA Division III</b>
Mascot	<b>Big Red</b>
Sororities	<b>2% of women participate</b>
Fraternities	<b>3% of men participate</b>


**Students**

Ethnicity of Students from U.S.	<b>0.2% American Indian/Alaskan Native</b> <b>1.4% Asian</b> <b>2.1% Black/African-American</b> <b>4.3% Hispanic/Latino</b> <b>1.2% Multi-race (not Hispanic/Latino)</b> <b>0.1% Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander</b> <b>87.5% White</b> <b>3.1% Unknown</b>
International Students	<b>1.3% from 3 countries</b>
First-Year Students Returning	<b>78.0%</b>
Students Graduating Within 4 Years	<b>59.7%</b>
Graduates Offered Full-Time Employment Within 6 Months	<b>64%</b>
Graduates Pursuing Advanced Study Directly	<b>27.0%</b>