



General

Question 5

The last decade at Merrimack College has been characterized by growth and momentum across the board. Since President Christopher Hopey took office in 2010 and created the college's Agenda for Distinction in 2011, Merrimack has seen:

- Growth of the undergraduate student population from 1,878 to over 3,250.
- Growth of graduate programs from 1 to 22.
- Growth of the graduate student population from 60 to 581.
- Growth of full-time faculty lines from 134 to 199.
- Upward revision of its Carnegie Classification from Baccalaureate to Master's Colleges & Universities/Medium Programs.
- Growth of fundraising from \$2.3 million to \$11.4 million annually.

The college has expanded its physical plant by nearly 270,000 square feet, and more important, its academic and student experience opportunities, by:

- Building two new undergraduate student housing complexes, increasing the number of undergraduates in campus-controlled housing from 1,397 to 2,440.
- Building two wholly new academic structures — Crowe Hall and the Academic Innovation Center — and renovating tens of thousands of square feet of existing space, including new complexes for health sciences, psychology, communication and media, performing arts and physics.
- Building a new outdoor track, field and stadium with 2,500 spectator seats and concessions.
- Adding a second ice rink and new locker rooms, lobby and concessions.
- Building a student lounge, The 47, and student pub, Augie's, and adding four dining venues, including a Dunkin' Donuts and a Starbucks.

Rankings

- US News: No. 57 in Regional Universities, North and No. 40 for Best Value (2017), after several years in the top 10 of Regional Colleges, North; Best College Engineering Programs (2016), Best Colleges for Veterans (2016).
- Money Magazine: Top 50 in the U.S. for "colleges that add the most value" (2015).
- Princeton Review: "Best Northeastern" list (2017).