

## The LIU Story

Long Island University (LIU) was founded in 1926 in Brooklyn, N.Y., under the guiding principle of educating and empowering men and women from all walks of life. LIU has grown into one of the nation's largest private Universities, and remains committed to the educational needs and interests of its diverse student body. LIU offers more than 500 undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral degree programs and certificates, educating more than 20,000 students each year across multiple campuses. The University continuously strives to cultivate and expand academic, professional, artistic, and co-curricular opportunities.

The university expanded in 1951, when it purchased the estate of Marjorie Merriweather Post to better meet the educational needs of the growing number of families moving to the suburbs. Just 27 miles east of New York City on Long Island's idyllic Gold Coast, [LIU Post](#) is a scenic, historic, and scholarly campus that offers a small-school environment, but with the access and resources of a major metropolitan university. LIU Post offers more than 200 undergraduate, graduate, doctoral, and certificate programs. The campus is a leader in cultivating entrepreneurial spirit in our students through a fee-based student consultancy with real corporate clients, a high-tech startup incubator, and student-run businesses that include a fashion boutique, a PR and marketing firm, and a sports lounge. LIU Post's 320-acre grounds are home to the world-renowned Tilles Center for the Performing Arts and the Bethpage Federal Credit Union Stadium, where students, alumni, family, and friends gather to cheer on the Pioneers' top ranked NCAA Division II athletics programs.

[LIU Brooklyn](#) continues to enable students to realize their full potential as ethically grounded, intellectually vigorous, and socially responsible global citizens. The campus offers more professional programs in health care than any other single campus in the New York metropolitan area, including the Arnold and Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy & Health Science. The Harriet Rothkopf Heilbrunn School of Nursing (the only university-based academic nursing center in Brooklyn) boasts a state-of-the-art simulation learning laboratory, made possible through a generous gift from the Heilbrunn family, where nursing students actively participate in intensive immersion learning scenarios. LIU Brooklyn is also home to Kumble Theater for the Performing Arts, a dynamic performance venue designed to nourish students' artistic exploration while providing the community with greater access to an exciting range of professional performances.

[LIU Global](#) offers a one-of-a-kind bachelor's degree without borders. LIU Global's immersive learning experience spans eight countries on four continents, preparing students for careers as global leaders in business, policy, humanitarian relief, social entrepreneurship, economic development, and environmental sustainability.

From the shores of Long Island, to the epicenter of business and tech innovation in Brooklyn, to the far corners of the world, LIU offers a unique college experience for every student seeking academic enrichment and professional opportunity. Upon graduation, our students join a community of more than 200,000 alumni to become global leaders in fields that include the arts, health sciences, media, education, pharmacy, business, technology, public service, and professional sports.

### LIU's Mission

Long Island University's mission is to provide excellence and access in private higher education to people from all backgrounds who seek to expand their knowledge and prepare themselves for meaningful, educated lives and for service to their communities and the world.

### Founding Date

LIU was founded in 1926.

### Motto

LIU's motto is *Urbi et Orbi* – "To the City and to the World."

### Awards and Accolades

- LIU Post and LIU Brooklyn have both been named to the President's Community Service Honor Roll
- LIU has been named a Military-Friendly School by G.I. Jobs, and was named to *U.S. Veterans Magazine's* list of "Top Veteran-Friendly Schools"

- LIU Post and LIU Brooklyn are both rated “Best for Vets” among the nation’s business schools by *Military Times*
- LIU Post’s College of Management has been named to the Princeton Review’s list of “The Best Business Schools” for 14 consecutive years
- LIU Post’s School of Health Professions and Nursing’s nutrition program was rated one of the top three nutrition programs in New York City by [whatdegreeshouldiget.org](http://whatdegreeshouldiget.org)
- LIU Brooklyn is ranked as the nation’s Best School for Health Professional Majors by [Payscale.com](http://Payscale.com)
- LIU Brooklyn is ranked as one of the Top 50 Colleges in the Northeast for Salary Potential by [Payscale.com](http://Payscale.com)
- LIU Brooklyn’s Speech-Language Pathology Program is ranked eighth in the nation by [graduateprograms.com](http://graduateprograms.com)
- LIU Brooklyn has been named to [Payscale.com](http://Payscale.com)’s Top 10 Colleges for Producing Graduates Who Make the World a Better Place
- LIU Brooklyn’s Mental Health Counseling Program is ranked as one of the top 25 mental health programs by [graduateprograms.com](http://graduateprograms.com)

## Accreditations

In addition to university-wide accreditation by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, LIU’s schools, colleges, and individual degree programs are recognized by many specialized accreditation boards, including the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education, the American Psychological Association Commission on Accreditation, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, and the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International.

## Faculty

More than 500 full-time professors teach at LIU, with a significant majority holding the highest degree in their respective fields. The faculty includes numerous Fulbright Scholars, and in 2014, LIU was one of just nine master’s institutions nationwide to have four Fulbright professors teaching abroad. LIU’s faculty also includes Academy Award winners, prominent journalists, award-winning authors, leading scientists whose research has contributed to significant medical advances, and many more experienced and accomplished professionals.

## Students

(All data as of 2014-15)

**Total Enrollment:** 18,621

**Undergraduate:** 12,042

**Graduate:** 6,579

**Student-Faculty Ratio:** 12:1

## Alumni

LIU has an active network of more than 200,000 alumni, including leaders and innovators in industries across the globe. Learn more about our [notable alumni](#).

## Athletics

### LIU Brooklyn

**Colors:** Black and Silver

**Nickname:** Blackbirds

**Mascot:** Brooklyn Blackbird

**Teams:** 19

**National Affiliation:** NCAA Division I

**Conference:** Northeast Conference (NEC)

### LIU Post

**Colors:** Green and Gold

**Nickname:** Pioneers

**Mascot:** The Pioneer

**Teams:** 24

**National Affiliation:** NCAA Division II

**Conference:** East Coast Conference (ECC)