**Rutgers University**

**Overview**

Rutgers University is the flagship state university of New Jersey. With three campuses throughout the state (New Brunswick, Newark, and Camden), students can find everything associated with a large university: 150+ undergraduate majors, Big Ten Athletics, research opportunities, Greek life, and tons of activities. The campuses provide easy access to New York City and Philadelphia.

**What we loved about the school**

Long a “safety school” for many New Jersey high school seniors, Rutgers has elevated their academic standing and competiveness. With updated and new facilities and buildings, and what seems like constant campus expansions, Rutgers has increased their ability to attract top students with many highly ranked programs and esteemed faculty. What makes the school special is its diversity. Rutgers – Newark is the most diverse campus in the entire country. Although most students come from New Jersey (more than 80%), the school draws students from all 50 states and more than 125 countries. Since so many students come from New Jersey, the student body is a mix of students who live on-campus or are commuters. The University offers hundreds of clubs, organizations, sports and activities to engage in. Freshman can participate in the Byrne Seminars or FIGS program (First Year Interest Group Seminars) to help them learn about different areas of research and fields of study as they contemplate choosing a major. The New Brunswick location, the largest of the three, has multiple campuses and students use campus buses to get around. A Division 1 school and member of the Big Ten, there is a tremendous school spirit at Rutgers as students’ cheer on the football, basketball, soccer and other sports teams.

**The type of students we think would thrive here:**

Students should consider this school if:

* You want a large university that offers a multitude of academic programs and majors, research opportunities, and study abroad programs.
* You want to attend a Division 1 school.  Rutgers is a member of the Big Ten.
* You want an ethnically and racially diverse student body.
* You want to be part of university that offers 750+ sports, clubs, and organizations
* You want to be near both New York City and Philadelphia

**Let's talk numbers (entering Class of 2017):**

Avg SAT scores of 1295 (New Brunswick)

Avg ACT scores Not Available

This is a moderately competitive school that will challenge you.

**Rutgers University Website:** https://www.rutgers.edu/