TYPE OF COLLEGE  A senior liberal arts college in The City University of New York, founded in 1968 and offering 76 undergraduate majors and programs and 46 graduate degree programs.

LOCATION  37-acre campus in the northwest Bronx, across from the Jerome Park Reservoir and centered along a major educational corridor with five neighboring public schools.

ENROLLMENT  (Fall 2010): 9,841 undergraduate students and 2,274 graduate students, for a total of 12,115 students.


HONORS STUDENTS  (Fall 2010): 206, including the Macaulay Honors College at Lehman (65), the CUNY Teacher Academy at Lehman (12), and the Lehman Scholars Program (129).

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE  19

DEGREES AWARDED  (2010): 1,617 bachelor’s degrees; 850 master’s degrees.

NOTABLE FACULTY  Seven Distinguished Professors, including Billy Collins, Poet Laureate of the United States (2001-2003) and New York State Poet Laureate (2004-2006), and composer John Corigliano, winner of both the Academy Award (2000) and the Pulitzer Prize for Music (2001).

ALUMNI  Over 62,000 in law, medicine, teaching, business, the arts, social services, and healthcare. Almost half live in the Bronx or elsewhere in New York City.

RESEARCH  For FY 2009, Lehman was awarded $19.3 million from Federal and State agencies as well as private sources to support scholarly research and to provide special services to local K-12 schools, community organizations, and residents of the Bronx and the metropolitan area. As a result, Lehman ranked fourth in this area among the 14 CUNY senior colleges.

RECENT RECOGNITION  (partial list):

■ Ranked in 2010 by U.S. News and World Report as a Tier 1 and Top 50 Public College for Regional Universities (Northeast).

■ One of only 13 institutions nationally to be selected as an “Institution of Excellence” in the First Year of College.

■ First of the CUNY colleges to be accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Reaccredited by NCATE (2007).

■ Student awards: Student-produced video magazine “Inside Lehman:” 17 awards since 2002, including an Emmy nomination, 4 Telly awards, 2 Gold Hermes Awards, and 3 Communicator Awards of Excellence. Lehman chapter of Golden Key National Honor Society: Key Chapter Award.

■ For three consecutive years (2007-2009), The High School of American Studies at Lehman College has been named by U.S. News & World Report as one of the top 100 high schools in the country. It is currently ranked as the number one high school in the Bronx, second in both New York City and New York State, and 19th in the nation.

NOTABLE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

CUNY Flagship Initiatives in teacher education, new media, and structural and molecular biosciences. Lehman houses the CUNY doctoral program in the plant sciences and has a long-standing collaboration with the New York Botanical Garden.

Nationally Recognized Research Programs in biological sciences, psychology, mathematics and computer science, physics, and astronomy receive substantial support from the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation for faculty research initiatives and to prepare minority students to become future scientists.
Master’s Degrees in Educational Leadership, Public Health, and Social Work. Lehman is the only institution in the Bronx offering these three graduate programs.

Lehman Online. From one course in Spring 1997, the program grew by Fall 2010 to 269 course sections, enrolling 4,912 students, and included more asynchronous courses (taught completely online) than any other CUNY senior college. Approximately one in seven classes was taught wholly or partly online in Fall 2010. Included is the world’s first online course in the Irish language.

Global Outreach. Lehman has established a dual-degree program with Sungshin Women’s University in South Korea.

NOTABLE FACILITIES

New Facilities: Completed since 2005 (partial list): $16 million Multimedia Center, assistive technology lab, organic chemistry teaching lab, research labs in anthropology, biology, chemistry, psychology, and speech-language-hearing sciences, site lighting (phase II), ballfield lighting, and the Lehman Community Garden.

Facilities Under Construction: $76 million Phase One of a three-phase science facility, featuring updated, versatile classrooms, labs, and instrumentation; a rooftop teaching and research greenhouse; and environmentally sustainable technologies; $5 million new Child Care Center.

Lehman Speech and Hearing Center: Lehman has operated a Speech and Hearing Center for the community since 1968. A new state-of-the-art clinic continues to serve area residents of all ages, operating as part of Lehman’s highly regarded graduate program in speech-language pathology.

Environmental, Geological, and Geographic Sciences: A new lab helps students in Geographic Information Science map technologies and track and analyze resource issues. It is one of only two such college labs in New York City.

Performing Arts Center: This premier performance space brings local as well as world-renowned artists to entertain audiences. Hosting over thirty shows each year, it entertains more than 200,000 visitors from the Bronx, Westchester, New Jersey, and Manhattan.

The Lehman College Art Gallery has brought important contemporary art to Bronx audiences free of charge since 1984, making significant opportunities available to local artists to advance their careers and achieve a higher level of recognition for their work. The Gallery is also an Arts Learning Center for K-12 students, teachers, college classes, and community residents, as well as a pioneer in the use of interactive media for the visual arts.

The APEX: This world-class sports and recreation complex hosts major athletic competitions as well as high school and college games and helps to promote community fitness.

Lehman Stages: This performance/rehearsal facility includes four different theatre and dance venues.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND PARTNERSHIPS (Partial List)

Bronx Small Business Development Center (SBDC): The Bronx SBDC opened at Lehman College in January 2000. By the close of 2010, it had counseled 7,402 clients and conducted 417 workshops with 9,459 attendees, helping to invest over $78 million in the area’s economy, which has resulted in 2,322 jobs being saved or created.

Bronxnet: Lehman has housed the studios of this municipal access cable station ever since its establishment in 1988. Bronxnet administers four television channels and provides a wide variety of community programming, as well as television production training for Bronx residents and students at Bronx colleges.

Bronx Institute: This CUNY Institute, headquartered at Lehman, has worked intensively over the past decade to create a “college-going culture” among Bronx middle- and high school students. To date, more than 10,000 students in over fifty schools have benefited from its programs and efforts.

School Partnerships and Collaborations: Lehman, in collaboration with the New York City Department of Education, is a partner in ten of the borough’s small high schools. These schools include: The High School of American Studies at Lehman College; Celia Cruz Bronx High School of Music; High School for Teaching and the Professions; Bronx Health Sciences High School; Astor Collegiate Academy; Bronx High School for the Visual Arts; The Marie Curie High School for Nursing, Medicine, and the Allied Health Professions; Renaissance High School of Musical Theater; Marble Hill High School for International Studies; and the Bronx Early College Academy (BECA).