

Is duke.edu legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 100/100

duke.edu

Verdict

100

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

duke.edu appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-13 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 55%.

What this site appears to be

Official university page presenting news, programs, admissions information, research highlights, and campus resources for Duke University.

Evidence status and limitations

- Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN
- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
  - Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

|                           |                                                            |       |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Malware engines           | None flagged it<br>VirusTotal                              | CLEAR |
| Google Safe Browsing      | Not listed<br>Google                                       | CLEAR |
| Abuse reports on the host | 0 reports<br>AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count | NOTED |
| Domain age                | 40 years old<br>Registered history                         | CLEAR |
| Web archive               | Never archived<br>No public history of this site           | WATCH |
| Certificate               | Encrypted connection<br>Issued by InCommon RSA Server CA 2 | NOTED |

## The page as captured

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No screenshot is retained for this report.

## Key findings

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- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

## Full analysis

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### Overview

Duke University's website is an institutional higher-education portal presenting academic programs, research, admissions, news, campus resources, athletics, libraries, and opportunities for students, faculty, alumni, and the public; its apparent model is informational and educational rather than direct commercial trading or retail activity.

### Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed. The homepage presents a coherent university identity, substantive academic and admissions content, and normal institutional navigation, with no detected phishing indicators, sensitive forms, wallet activity, or suspicious behavioral patterns. External reputation checks recorded no malicious or suspicious detections, and the site's substantial global traffic footprint is consistent with an established public institution. The available evidence supports an apparently legitimate site, while the real-world operator identity remains not independently verified.

#### EVIDENCE

- The homepage identifies Duke University and presents Academics, Research, Admissions, News, Libraries, Athletics, and campus-service links.
- The homepage contains no login form, hidden sensitive form, wallet connection, or external password-submission form.
- Domain registration telemetry: created 1986-06-02; expiration 2027-07-31; age 40.22 years.
- External checks recorded `vt\_malicious: 0`, `vt\_suspicious: 0`, `gsb\_malicious: false`, and `tranco\_rank: 2264`.

### Regulatory Verification Notes

The reviewed material describes an academic institution funded through tuition, research grants, endowment, and donations, rather than a regulated financial-services business. The site presents the Duke University identity and links to About, Contact, Privacy, and related institutional resources, but that on-site presentation should not be treated as independent proof of the operating entity. No financial-services license or registration number is presented in the reviewed material; given the stated educational purpose, this is a limited disclosure point rather than evidence of a scam. No broker-dataset match was identified.

#### EVIDENCE

- The homepage title is “Duke University - Fueled by creativity, informed by scholarship.”
- The homepage links to About, Contact, Privacy, Undergraduate Admissions, Graduate School Programs, Duke Health, and Duke Directory resources.
- The site's transport encryption uses an OV certificate issued by InCommon RSA Server CA 2 for Duke University, valid through 2026-11-06.
- The site links to Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, X, YouTube, and TikTok institutional channels.

#### What to Verify Next

For credential or payment interactions associated with admissions, donations, employment, or other services, independently confirm the relevant Duke University department and official contact route through a trusted offline or separately sourced institutional channel. Review the applicable privacy, payment, refund, or donation terms on the specific transaction page, and ensure that any payment is processed through an expected institutional or payment-provider domain.

#### EVIDENCE

- Admissions content is separated into dedicated undergraduate, graduate, professional-school, financial-aid, and international-program pages.
- The homepage provides direct navigation to Duke Directory, Duke@Work, Giving to Duke, and Privacy resources.
- The site describes primarily informational and educational services rather than direct commercial transactions.

#### Summary Verdict

Available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate university website and supports a high-trust, low-risk posture. No scam, phishing, impersonation, or identity-conflict indicators were observed, although the operator's real-world identity is not independently verified.

#### Infrastructure Integrity

The site resolves to infrastructure operated by DUKE-INTERCHANGE - Duke University, US, on AS13371, with two resolved IP addresses and no detected CDN or WAF layer. Direct institutional hosting provides useful infrastructure context, but hosting posture remains a mitigating signal rather than proof of identity.

#### EVIDENCE

- Hosting provider: DUKE-INTERCHANGE - Duke University, US.
- Served from AS13371; registry: ARIN; country: US.
- Infrastructure resolution identified 2 unique IP addresses, 0 edge IP addresses, and 2 likely origin IP addresses.

## Closing Assessment

Normal informational use is proportionate to the evidence. Before submitting credentials or making payments, ordinary independent checks of the responsible department, applicable terms, and payment protections should be completed.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-13 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

## What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

## Identity verification

|                                  |        |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Status                           | LIKELY |
| Identity score                   | 80/100 |
| Identity verification confidence | 80%    |

- Identity verified on page
- Trusted social count=4

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

## What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of duke.edu.

- The request stayed on duke.edu. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- The registration is paid up to 2027-07-31. NOTED
- It is hosted on DUKE-INTERCHANGE, from a server in US. NOTED

## Domain intelligence

|                    |                                        |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Registrar          | Not available                          |
| Hosting            | DUKE-INTERCHANGE - Duke University, US |
| Country            | US                                     |
| Server IP          | 152.3.70.87                            |
| Name servers       | Not available                          |
| SSL issuer         | InCommon RSA Server CA 2               |
| SSL expiry         | 2026-11-06                             |
| Domain age         | 40.22 years (continuous registration)  |
| Domain expiry      | 2027-07-31                             |
| Archive first seen | Not available                          |
| Archive snapshots  | 0                                      |

## About this assessment

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A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about duke.edu at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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