The Colby Experience

A highly selective liberal arts college in Waterville, Maine, Colby College is characterized by a diverse, tightly connected community of approximately 1,800 students who are encouraged to take intellectual risks and are supported and challenged by a dedicated faculty of world-class scholars. Passionate, intelligent, and deeply curious, Colby students emerge as leaders ready to make an impact on their world.

Colby has an enduring commitment to social justice. Colby students instituted the first anti-slavery society on an American college campus, in 1833, and in 1871 Colby became the first previously all-male college institution in New England to admit women, a century before many other schools.

The College is committed to academic excellence and intellectual exploration and offers research opportunities across the curriculum. Students sample courses from all four of Colby’s academic divisions to gain exposure to diverse disciplines and to discover unexpected passions. Colby’s professors inspire, mentor, and empower students before, during, and after their time on the Mayflower Hill campus. Student-faculty interactions range from dinner in professors’ homes to full-time summer research assistantships and coauthor credits on articles and books.

The Colby experience is defined by commitment to a global education. Nearly 70 percent of students study abroad, choosing from more than 140 approved programs. The curriculum includes U.S. and international diversity distribution requirements and a three-semester foreign language requirement. International students, who bring diverse perspectives to the classroom, make up 9 percent of the student body.

Students embrace opportunities on and off campus. They attend evening lectures by visiting scholars and practitioners, participate in civic engagement opportunities such as mentoring in local schools, intern in Maine and beyond, engage in social activism with area nonprofits and at the State House in nearby Augusta, and conduct research on Maine’s coast on topics as varied as invasive crabs and offshore wind power. Opportunities to learn experientially are as diverse as the students themselves.

What’s new and what continues to be important at Colby?

COLBY’S 20TH PRESIDENT

President David A. Greene began his tenure as Colby’s 20th president July 1, 2014. Through strategic planning and the creation of academic partnerships, Greene aims to provide more opportunities for student research and internships, to deepen the already strong connections between students and faculty, to bolster the relationship between Colby and Waterville, and to increase awareness about Colby among a broader range of prospective students.

DAVIS SCIENCE CENTER

Opened in July 2014, the center houses the Computer Science, Mathematics and Statistics, and Psychology departments and features the latest technology and group workspaces.

CENTER FOR THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

The center supports student-faculty collaborations and community engagement through events, volunteer opportunities, and research and travel grants. Students can also take advantage of humanities lab courses—courses sponsored by the center that emphasize experiential learning in the arts and humanities through observation, experimentation, and skill-building practices.

COLBY COLLEGE MUSEUM OF ART

The best college art museum in the country, the Colby College Museum of Art features works by Mary Cassatt, James McNeill Whistler, Winslow Homer, Edward Hopper, Georgia O’Keeffe, Andy Warhol, and Alex Katz, among many other notable artists. With more than 100 classes across the curriculum using its galleries for teaching and learning in 2013-14, the museum is a hub of cross-disciplinary study, integrating the visual arts and artistic expression in the heart of the liberal arts experience.

CARBON-NEUTRAL CAMPUS

In 2013 Colby became the fourth college in the country to achieve carbon neutrality. Committed to environmental sustainability for decades, Colby uses electricity from 100 percent renewable sources, has 11 LEED-certified buildings (with others pending), uses geothermal heating and cooling in two buildings, and operates a biomass plant that burns sustainably harvested wood to heat most buildings.

FINANCIAL AID

Colby meets 100 percent of need as calculated by the College and does not include loans in financial aid packages. Financial aid is transferable to Colby-approved off-campus study programs.
### AT A GLANCE

**Type of institution:** Private, independent, four-year, liberal arts  
**Year founded:** 1813  
**Degree granted:** Bachelor of arts  
**Student body:** 1,820, all undergraduates (52% women, 48% men)  
**Campus size:** 714 acres (about 130 city blocks)  
**Three-year average of seniors who are employed, are admitted to grad school, or have full-time fellowships at graduation:** 78%  
**Graduates who go on to earn an advanced degree:** 75%

### ACADEMICS

**Majors offered:** 56  
**Minors offered:** 30  
**Faculty with a Ph.D. or terminal degree:** 98%  
**Student to faculty ratio:** 10 to 1  
**Class size:** 72% have fewer than 20 students  
**Students who double major:** 34%  
**Academic calendar:** 4-1-4 (1=Jan Plan, an exploratory term in January)  
**Medical school admission rate**: 75%  
**Dental school admission rate**: 95%  
**Veterinary school admission rate**: 84%  
**Law school admission rate**: 83%  
*10-year average

### ENROLLED CLASS OF 2018

**Applications received:** 5,148  
**Acceptance rate:** 28%  
**Mean SAT:** 660/670/665  
**Middle 50-percent SAT scores:** 1850 to 2140  
**Mean ACT composite:** 30  
**Middle 50-percent ACT score:** 28 to 32  
**Students of color:** 23%  
**International:** 14%  
**First-generation:** 11%

### INSTITUTIONAL GRANT DISTRIBUTION

**CLASS OF 2018 AID-ELIGIBLE STUDENTS**

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**Average first-year financial aid package, 2014-15:** $45,630  
**Institutional grant aid, 2013-14:** Colby students received more than $27 million  
**Comprehensive fee, 2014-15:** $59,500 (includes tuition, room, board, and some fees)

### THE APPLICATION

There is no fee to apply for admission, and Colby no longer requires a writing supplement as part of the application.

### IMPORTANT DEADLINES

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