THE CAMPUS

Considered one of the most beautiful college campuses in the nation, Colby sits at the top of Mayflower Hill and overlooks the Kennebec River valley and city of Waterville. Our setting provides unique research and internship opportunities in the local community and the nearby state capital and on the Belgrade Lakes and the Gulf of Maine. Colby’s location is also ideal for exploring Maine’s renowned natural surroundings—the campus is situated halfway between the Appalachian mountains and the Atlantic ocean.

STUDENT RESIDENCES AND DINING

Ninety-five percent of students choose to live on campus all four years, enjoying easy access to their classes, the library, dining halls, and, of course, friends. Residence hall room choices include singles, doubles, triples, and quads, as well as apartments for seniors. Colby has three distinct dining halls—Dana, Foss, and Roberts. Dana offers grill and pizza favorites, an international station, a salad bar, and fresh pasta and bread. Chefs at Foss prepare a range of innovative dishes from around the world, as well as vegetarian and vegan options. Roberts, known by students as Bobo, serves regional cuisine as plated, restaurant-style meals.

LIBRARIES

The Colby Libraries—Miller, Bixler Art and Music, Science, and Special Collections—provide group and individual study space, books, journals, and online resources, as well as librarians and staff to assist students.

COLBY COLLEGE MUSEUM OF ART

Colby’s museum is the finest college art museum in the country. It features works by Andy Warhol, Sol Lewitt, Mary Cassatt, James McNeill Whistler, Winslow Homer, Georgia O’Keeffe, Terry Winters, Alex Katz, and many others. Professors in many disciplines use the museum as part of their courses. The recently completed 26,000-square-foot Alfond-Lunder Family Pavilion includes additional exhibition space as well as new studios for photography and fine arts foundation classes. The recently completed 26,000-square-foot Katz, and many others. Professors in many disciplines use the museum to assist students.

COTTER UNION/PULVER PAVILION

Colter Union is home to the spacious Pulver Pavilion, which features a snack bar, café, and space for students to relax, socialize, and study. Cotter Union also includes the Pugh Center, which promotes multicultural communication and understanding; Page Commons, for large campus events and performances; the student post office; Silberman Lounge; and the Office of Campus Life.

BOOKSTORE

The Colby Bookstore, located in Cotter Union, is open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

HAROLD ALFOND ATHLETIC CENTER

The athletic center includes Wadsworth Gymnasium, five squash courts, a field house with four tennis courts and an eighth-mile track, a climbing wall, the Alfond Ice Rink, a swimming pool, an aerobics studio, the Boulus Family Fitness Center, and a physical therapy center. Colby has 32 varsity teams—16 for women, 15 for men, and coed golf—plus nearly a dozen club sports and an active intramural program. All regular-season athletic contests are open to students and to the public at no charge.

PERFORMANCE SPACES

Colby has several multipurpose performance facilities. The 274-seat Strider Theater, located in the Runnals Building, includes an open stage with an orchestra pit, a well-equipped scene shop, and a costume workroom. Cellar Theater, in the basement of Runnals, provides space for more intimate productions and rehearsals. Given Auditorium, located in the Bixler Art and Music Center, is a venue for many musical performances. The College’s 650-seat Lorimer Chapel serves as an elegant setting for performances requiring additional capacity.

CARBON-NEUTRAL CAMPUS

In 2013 Colby became the fourth college in the country to achieve carbon neutrality. The College has been committed to environmental sustainability for decades. Colby uses 100 percent renewable electricity, has 12 LEED-certified buildings (other certifications pending), has geothermal heating and cooling in two buildings, and has a biomass plant that burns sustainably harvested wood to heat most campus buildings.

EXPLORE COLBY ON YOUR OWN

If you’re exploring Colby without a tour guide, we recommend that you visit the Diamond Building to see classrooms (21), Cotter Union to see the student center (16), Roberts to see a dining hall (36), Miller Library (18), and the museum of art (37). If you’re interested in science, you should visit the Davis Science Center (39). If you’re interested in theater and dance, check out Runnals Theater (4). Numbers correspond with map key.

NEARBY FACILITIES

COLBY-HUME CENTER

Colby owns 10 acres including 450 feet of frontage on Messalskis Lake seven miles from campus. Students have access to facilities including a picnic area with charcoal grills, a large dock for swimming, and a boathouse used by varsity crew teams to store rowing shells.

QUARRY ROAD RECREATION AREA

Quarry Road Recreation Area, located within walking distance of campus, offers six miles of groomed cross-country ski trails with snowmaking capability. Colby’s Nordic ski team competes and practices on the trails during the winter, and students can take advantage of the recreation area year round for skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, running, biking, rock climbing, and ice climbing.

Please stop by Lunder House (admissions and financial aid) for more information about Waterville and the central Maine region.
Colby College Campus Map

Colby Tree Tour

Keep an eye out for tree markers around campus that indicate the Colby tree tour.