

Carleton College Info Guide

General Info

- Private & co-ed liberal arts college.
- Founded in 1866.
- Rural setting.
- Motto: Declaratio Sermonum Tuorum Illuminat
- Mascot: Knight
- Acceptance rate: 15%
- Location: River Town of Minnesota.
 - Nearest city: Minneapolis/ St. Paul.
- Total undergraduate students: 2046 (internally and domestically).
- Student to faculty ratio: 9:1
 - 212 full time faculty.
- Trimester school.
- Average class size : 16 students.
- Campus: 1040 acres.
- Off campus percentage: 75%
- Financial aid: 100% need based for all students.
- Diversity:
 - People of Color + Black + Indigenous: 38%
 - International: 8%
 - First generation: 14%
 - 51 different languages on campus.
 - 51.2% female, 48.8% male.
- President: Steven G. Poskanzer.
- Tuition: around \$70,000.
 - After aid: \$30,000.

Application Info

- Application fee: \$0
- There are 3 main steps in order to ensure successful application:
 1. (optional) Guiding Request.

2. Choose your application type:
 - Coalition
 - Common
 - Questbridge
 3. Track your status.
- Deadlines:
 - (FALL EARLY) November 15 ; notified by December 15.
 - (WINTER EARLY) January 15 ; notified by February 15.
 - (REGULAR) January 15 ; notified by April 1.
 - (QUESTBRIDGE) late September ; notified by December 1.
 - (TRANSFER) March 31 ; notified by May 15.
 - Standardized test: optional.
 - Self report is available.
 - Average SAT: 1360-1540
 - Average ACT: 31-34
 - GPA: > 4.0
 - Essays Prompt:
 1. When did you first learn of Carleton? (150 words)
 2. Why are you applying to Carleton? (150 words)
 3. Is there any additional information you feel we need to know regarding your application? (250 words)
 4. We'd like to get to know you a bit better. Please complete the following 3 questions (each in 300 characters or less)
 - I am empowered by individuals who ...
 - I value community because ...
 - I want to improve my world by ...
 - TOEFL, IELTS, DuoLingo English Test: only for students who English is not their main language.
 - Interview: available but optional.
 - Arts and Athletic: Encouraged to submit a portfolio.
 - High school courses requirement:

- English: 4 years
- Math: > 3 years
- Science: >2 years
- Social Science: > 3 years

Academics

- Main degree: Bachelor of Arts
- Areas of Study:
 - > 1000 courses
 - 33 majors
 - 37 majors
- Highlighted major: Social & Physical Sciences, Computer and Information Sciences and Support Service, Biological and Biomedical Sciences, and Mathematics and Statistics.
- Majors and Minors:
 - African Studies
 - American Music
 - American studies
 - Arabic
 - Archaeology
 - Art History
 - Asian Languages
 - Asian Studies
 - Astronomy
 - Biochemistry
 - Biology
 - Chemistry
 - Chinese
 - Cinema and Media Studies
 - Classics
 - Cognitive science
 - Computer science
 - Creative writing

- Cross-cultural studies
- Dance
- Digital Arts and Humanities
- East Asian Studies
- Economics
- Educational Studies
- Engineering
- English
- Environmental Studies
- European Studies
- French & Francophone studies
- Gender, Women, Sexuality Studies
- Geology
- German
- Greek
- Hebrew
- History
- Interdisciplinary studies
- Japanese
- Judaic Studies
- Latin
- Latin American Studies
- Linguistics
- Literary and Cultural Studies
- Math
- Medieval and Renaissance Studies
- Middle East studies
- Music
- Music performance
- Neuroscience
- Philosophy

- PE, Athletics and recreation
- Physics
- Political science and international relations
- Pre law
- Pre medicine
- Psychology
- Public policy
- Religion
- Russian
- Sociology and anthropology
- South asian studies
- Spanish
- Statistics
- Studio art
- Theater Arts

- **Student life**

- 200+ student organizations on campus.
- They're divided into these categories:
 1. Academics
 2. Arts & Entertainment
 3. Cultural/Intercultural
 4. Media & Publications
 5. Politics. Advocacy . Activism
 6. Religion & Spiritualism
 7. Sport & Recreation
 8. Volunteer & Service
- >90% of students are involved with extracurriculars.
- There's 19 varsity team sports.
- They have plenty of spaces for outdoor activities.
- Most popular is their 880 acres Cowling Arboretum.



Cowling Arboretum

- They also have a center for indoor activities (i.e. yoga, band, etc.)
- Greek life? No.
- They have very interesting areas: Northfield & Twin cities.
 1. Northfield: A lot of nightlife and parties. Usual events such as concerts.
 - Motto: “Cows, College, and Contentment.”
 2. Twin Cities: Town offering sports, theater, art museum, shopping, etc.
- 60% of students have a religious preference.
 - There are open religious groups welcoming them.
 - Their Chapel events have a mission of representatives of different faiths.
 - 75% of students attend this college to find the philosophy of life, to help others, etc.
 - There are more than 20 churches around the campus town.
 - They value sustainability, and campus fresh grown foods are available.
- **Opportunities**
 - 80% of students found jobs inside and around campus.
 - 4,000 volunteer hours are recorded each term.
 - There are CCCE (Career Center and Civic Engagement) - consult opportunities and engagement for students.
 - There are other innovation centers supporting students include:
 1. Arts at Carleton

2. Carleton Integrated Math and Science
3. CCCE (mentioned above)
4. CGRS (Center for Global and Regional Studies)
5. Critical Conversations
6. Digital liberal Arts
7. EthIC (Ethical Inquiry at Carleton)
8. Humanities Center
9. LTC (Perlman Learning & Teaching Center)
10. Public Works: Arts & Humanities Connecting Humanities
11. QUIRK (Quantitative Inquiry, Reasoning, and Knowledge)
12. SERC (Science Education Resources Center)
13. Writing Across the Curriculum

- Their Academic Civic Engagement: student takes learning into the real world. Their 3 areas of focus include:

1. Community based learning
2. Community based research
3. Service learning

- There are 3 type of scholarships available:

1. Student Scholarship
2. Faculty Scholarship
3. Student Faculty Scholarship

- Internship, Research, and summer programs available? Yes.

- They do offer employees packages to help students during the process of application.

- **Living**

- Different type of dorms include:

1. Burton
2. Cassat
3. Davis
4. Evans
5. Goodhue
6. James

7. Musser
8. Myers
9. Nourse
10. Severance
11. Watson
12. Houses

- 90% of students are on-campus studying.
- There are Resident Assistants available to answer all questions and concerns.
- Smoke-free.
- Substances-free floor.
- 10 Apartment-style townhomes.
- 29 college-owned houses.

- **Dining**

- 4 campus locations to eat at:

1. East Dining Hall
2. Burton Dining Hall
3. Sayles Hill Cafe
4. Weitz Cafe

- Offer a few meals per week.
- At Burton and East Dining Hall, you have to use OneCard.
- Meal Plan:

(First Year) required to take the 20 meal plan option.

- Automatically most people are assigned at 20 but you can change to:
 - 15 meal plan
 - 10 meal plan
 - 5 meal plan
 - 10 meal per term
- Keeps in mind the deadline for meal bills:
 - Fall : September 21st
 - Winter: January 11
 - Spring: April 1

- **Unique features**

- They have some very cool traditions!
 1. During winter, they set up 2 hockey rinks and cross country skiing.
 2. Dacie Moses: a place for students to freely bake anytime!
 3. Friday Flower: Students mail each other flowers every Friday.
 4. Silent Dance Party: Popular coping method where students meet at 11 am in the library and dance to music on their headphones.
 5. Schiller: The original plaster bust of the German poet, Friedrich Von Schiller, was present in a reading room.