

# CHAMPLAIN COLLEGE

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## CAMPUS LIFE

Quality of Life Rating	92
Fire Safety Rating	98
Green Rating	96
Type of school	Private
Affiliation	No Affiliation
Environment	Town

## STUDENTS

Total undergrad enrollment	2,264
% male/female	62/38
% from out of state	78
% frosh live on campus	91
% undergrads live on campus	69
# of fraternities (% undergrad men join)	0
# of sororities (% undergrad women join)	0
% African American	2
% Asian	3
% Caucasian	72
% Hispanic	5
% Native American	0
% Pacific Islander	<1
% Two or more races	3
% Race and/or ethnicity unknown	1
% international	14
# of countries represented	17

## SURVEY SAYS . . .

- Students are happy
- Classroom facilities are great
- Career services are great
- Internships are widely available
- Class discussions encouraged
- Students aren't religious
- Students get along with local community
- Students environmentally aware
- Students love Burlington, VT
- Great off-campus food

## ACADEMICS

Academic Rating	83
% students returning for sophomore year	82
% students graduating within 6 years	62
Calendar	Semester
Student/faculty ratio	14:1
Profs interesting rating	94
Profs accessible rating	83
Most classes have	10–19 students.
Most lab/discussion sessions have	10–19 students.

## MOST POPULAR MAJORS

Game Design; Computer Science & Innovation; Computer Networking & Cybersecurity; Game Programming; Game Art & Animation

## STUDENTS SAY “. . .”

### Academics

The students at Champlain College in Burlington, Vermont, are “professional” and “career-minded,” and name Champlain’s “career-focused curriculum” as a primary reason for choosing the college. “Networking and the emphasis on internships at Champlain leads to a great deal of job placements relevant to your chosen major after (or before!) graduation,” extols one student. Students love the “small class sizes,” which “allow your professors and classmates to know, contribute and follow your success.” They’re also crazy about Champlain’s “upside-down curriculum,” which uniquely allows undergraduates to “take major-specific courses [their] first semester.” “I could begin major-related work on the first day.” Game design, filmmaking, digital forensics, psychology, and marketing are all offered as majors, distinguishing Champlain’s available courses of study to many applicants, with its “strong focus on major-specific skills, and field-applicable classwork.” For the most part, students say the professors are “engaging, encouraging, and interesting” and “do all they can to help students understand the material and reach their full potential.” Champlain works hard to produce graduates who know “how to survive and thrive in the business world” and “reach their highest level of satisfaction.” Champlain is a “career-focused school that gives students the tools to succeed in the professional world.” This career-conscious education is animated by Champlain’s “engaging, encouraging, and interesting” professors, who “know your name,” are “enthusiastic about the students’ education,” and “come from extremely professional backgrounds and add personal touches to their discussions that make students want to participate.” In addition to academic curricula, Champlain’s “LEAD program readies students for outside life,” teaching life skills such as “financial sophistication” and fostering a “strong sense of community.” For those interested in the burgeoning gaming industry, “Champlain’s game major is also rigorous and unique, bringing students from amateurs to developing a game in a seemingly short four years.” Champlain’s greatest academic strength lies in “excellent professors, innovative classes,” and an “inviting small-classroom environment.”

### Life

The small liberal arts college in cozy Burlington, Vermont, has a heavy academic focus on the video game industry, and skiing and gaming figure prominently into Champlain’s social life. “There is a lot to do in town and on campus there are often events put on by clubs or the SGA. Every Thursday, a bus also takes students from campus to free bowling or to see a free movie at the movie theater.” Students love Burlington—“full of endless opportunities for both outside and indoor activities”—and enjoy the shops and nightlife of Church Street. Both Champlain and Burlington “heavily promote sustainable living,” and as such, students learn “an incredible amount about how to help and be aware of my community and ecosystem.” For the dedicated skier/student, Champlain IDs will nab you discounted ski passes in the area, and “snow dictates class attendance in the spring.” Overall, the outdoorsy will find plenty to love about Champlain and mantra seems to be, “Anything to be outside.” Indoors, the “laid-back” social atmosphere tends toward “play[ing] video games rather often,” and “there is an excellent music scene here in Burlington.”

### Student Body

Champlain’s student population is summed up by one as “Champlain attracts a certain type: open, artistic, thoughtful, and intelligent,” while another student is a little more blunt: “We are all nerdy in our own special way. It’s a self-selective, “open-minded” population that’s passionately adored by those who know what to expect: students “fit in well if they have researched the college before coming, as it is a small community within a larger community.” There is “literally a bit of everything. Nerds, partiers, skiers, snowboarders, skateboarders and hippies.” Another summarizes the Champlain student body as “everyone is incredibly friendly and supportive. I love that its large enough not to know everyone but small enough that it still feels like family.” As a whole, Champlain students are “Motivated and engaged.” They enjoy the social opportunities afforded by Burlington and Champlain, but “are also serious about doing big things and going far in life.”

## THE PRINCETON REVIEW SAYS

### Admissions

*Very important factors considered include:* rigor of secondary school record, academic GPA, talent/ability. *Important factors considered include:* standardized test scores, application essay, recommendation(s), extracurricular activities, character/personal qualities, first generation, racial/ethnic status. *Other factors considered include:* class rank, alumni/ae relation, volunteer work, work experience. SAT or ACT required. ACT with or without writing accepted. SAT with or without essay component accepted. TOEFL required of all international applicants. High school diploma is required and GED is accepted. *Academic units required:* 4 English, 3 math, 3 science, 3 science labs, 2 foreign language, 4 history, 4 academic electives. *Academic units recommended:* 4 math, 4 science, 4 foreign language.

### Financial Aid

*Students should submit:* FAFSA. Regular filing deadline is 1/15. The Princeton Review suggests that all financial aid forms be submitted as soon as possible after October 1. Need-based scholarships/grants offered: Federal Pell, FSEOG, State scholarships/grants, Private scholarships, College/university scholarship or grant aid from institutional funds. *Loan aid offered:* Direct Subsidized Stafford Loans, Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loans, Direct PLUS loans, Federal Perkins Loans. Applicants will be notified of awards on a rolling basis beginning 3/1. Federal Work-Study Program available. Institutional employment available.

### The Inside Word

For the BFA or BS programs in creative media, filmmaking, graphic design and digital media, game art and animation, and game design, prospective students must submit a portfolio of relevant creative work. Strong writing skills are important for all applicants.

## THE SCHOOL SAYS “. . .”

### From the Admissions Office

“Champlain College’s distinctive, innovative career-driven programs prepare students for the opportunities and challenges of an increasingly competitive world. When a student graduates from Champlain, they are not only career-ready but also life-ready.

“Champlain’s enlightened academic model immediately immerses students in their prospective major and helps them enter internships sooner than at other schools via Champlain’s distinctive Upside-Down Curriculum. They are also challenged to think critically and further develop communication and writing abilities from our nationally-acclaimed liberal arts Core curriculum; and they gain important skills such as financial sophistication and career management through our curriculum-embedded Career Preparation program. Small class sizes provide personal attention from faculty who bring their outstanding academic credentials and industry expertise to the classroom. It is an academic experience that is unparalleled, and our graduates are living proof of the benefits Champlain provides.

“With two international campuses in Montreal, Canada, and Dublin, Ireland—and a host of global partners in countries like New Zealand, Argentina, China, Italy, and Morocco—Champlain students get to see the world while learning how they can change it. In fact, over half of Champlain’s students study abroad.

“Champlain College students reside in beautifully restored Victorian-era mansions that overlook one of the country’s most amazing natural vistas and are only steps away from downtown Burlington, VT, which is consistently ranked the best college town in the East.

“We hope you can visit us soon and get a feel for what life is like at Champlain.”

### SELECTIVITY

Admissions Rating	85
# of applicants	4,576
% of applicants accepted	70
% of acceptees attending	20
# offered a place on the wait list	161
% accepting a place on wait list	22
% admitted from wait list	14
# of early decision applicants	440
% accepted early decision	86

### FRESHMAN PROFILE

*Reported SAT (pre-2016 redesign)*

Range SAT Critical Reading	520–630
Range SAT Math	500–610
Range SAT Writing	490–600

*Concordant SAT*

Range SAT EBRW	560–670
Range SAT Math	530–630
Range ACT Composite	22–28

Minimum internet-based TOEFL	79
Average HS GPA	3.2
% graduated top 10% of class	15
% graduated top 25% of class	40
% graduated top 50% of class	72

### DEADLINES

Early decision	
Deadline	11/1
Notification	Rolling
Other ED Deadline	12/15
Other ED Notification	Rolling
Nonfall registration?	Yes

### FINANCIAL FACTS

Financial Aid Rating	80
Annual tuition	\$38,560
Room and board	\$14,472
Required fees	\$100
Books and supplies	\$1,000
Average frosh need-based scholarship	\$21,918
Average UG need-based scholarship	\$20,423
% needy frosh rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid	99
% needy UG rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid	100
% needy frosh rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid	11
% needy UG rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid	10
% needy frosh rec. need-based self-help aid	85
% needy UG rec. need-based self-help aid	85
% frosh rec. any financial aid	100
% UG rec. any financial aid	90
% UG borrow to pay for school	74
Average cumulative indebtedness	\$34,582
% frosh need fully met	16
% ugrads need fully met	15
Average % of frosh need met	71
Average % of ugrad need met	70