



# MORE FOR VERMONT

## 11 Private Colleges

13,405

**13,405 STUDENTS ATTEND** Vermont private colleges. They spend their college savings in Vermont and are active consumers in local economies. Private higher education is a key reason people move to Vermont.

16%  
are enrolled  
VERMONTERS

**\$308.2 million**

of institutional aid from the colleges' own resources goes directly to students

**6,264 employees**

at work growing the economy

**\$317 million**

in employee wages and salaries paid

**\$728.9 million**

in actual expenditures generating business everyday for Vermont communities

## VERMONT'S 11 PRIVATE COLLEGES

### **Bennington College (Est. 1932)**

Bennington College was founded with the belief that education is most powerful when students shape its direction and test their ideas in the world. Each student creates a personalized plan of study, receives graduate-style advising from faculty practitioners, and completes a yearly required Field Work Term.

### **Center for Cartoon Studies (Est. 2004)**

The Center for Cartoon Studies (CCS) is a two-year institution focusing on sequential art, specifically comics and graphic novels. Located in the village of White River Junction, CCS offers

a Master of Fine Arts degree, one or two-year certificate programs, and workshops. It is the only college-level training program of its kind in the United States.

### **Champlain College (Est. 1878)**

A leader in career-focused learning, Champlain offers nationally recognized, campus-based programs in cybersecurity, game production, filmmaking, business and more. An Upside-Down Curriculum lets students take courses in their major beginning Day One. The College also has campuses in Montreal, Canada and Dublin, Ireland and offers more than 60 online degrees.

### **Landmark College (Est. 1985)**

Offering bachelor's and associate degrees, as well as short-term and online programs, Landmark is intentionally engineered for students who learn differently including those with dyslexia, ADHD, autism, or executive function challenges. Landmark is, simultaneously, a traditional and a specialty college. It is one of only two colleges in the country that only enrolls college-capable, neurodivergent students.



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### Middlebury College (Est. 1800)

Middlebury is a classic liberal arts undergraduate college that also offers graduate degrees and immersive language studies (including Abenaki). The College is committed to meeting 100% of students demonstrated financial need and is need blind for domestic students. The average grant covers 90% of the cost of tuition.

### Norwich University (Est. 1819)

Norwich was the first private military college in the nation and the birthplace of ROTC. It was also the first private institution in the country to teach engineering. Two-thirds of residential students join the Corps of Cadets. Norwich also serves civilian residential and commuter students and has a large online graduate and continuing education student body.

### St. Michael's College (Est. 1904)

A Saint Michael's education empowers students to navigate the complexities of the modern world with skill, professionalism, and empathy. A distinctive liberal arts college founded by the Society of Saint Edmund with their guiding principles of service, social justice, and access, the College offers undergraduate, graduate, and

pre-professional programs, including teacher training. Vermont residents are guaranteed merit aid and grants totaling at least \$27,000 per year.

### SIT Graduate Institute (Est. 1964)

SIT's master's degrees, online doctorates, and certificate programs prepare students to be international citizens and changemakers through programs focused on critical global issues. Master's students may study in up to four countries and complete professional practicums. The online doctorates in international relations, sustainability, or global education are geared toward working professionals and include 10-day international residencies. SIT offers certificates in international education, education abroad, and TESOL.

### Sterling College (Est. 1958)

Nestled in a rural village of Vermont's Northeast Kingdom, Sterling offers two-year and four-year undergraduate degrees in Environmental Studies. It provides a liberal arts education using local farms, forests, rivers, and wetlands as classrooms. With a student body of fewer than 100 students, Sterling fosters a tight-knit community that prides itself on sustainable and socially responsible living. This unique environment

provides hands-on, experiential learning that prepares students to challenge conventional thinking.

### Vermont College of Fine Arts (Est. 2008)

VCFA is the only college in the country dedicated solely to low-residency graduate arts education using an individualized mentorship model. VCFA has MFA and non-degree programs in the visual arts, film, music composition, graphic design, and writing. In August 2024, VCFA finalized an affiliation with California Institute of the Arts and will hold all residencies on their Valencia, CA campus beginning January 2025.

### Vermont Law & Graduate School (Est. 1972)

The first and only law school in the state, Vermont Law School recently changed its name to Vermont Law and Graduate School (VLGS) and transitioned to a graduate institution housing two schools — law and graduate. The new degrees build upon environmental law and policy and justice reform programs. Online programs, including a part-time Online Hybrid JD program, allow working professionals to earn degrees from anywhere in the country.

