Information for International Students

Colby-Sawyer College
Colby-Sawyer College is a private, liberal arts institution, accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). It is located in the beautiful mountain and lakes region of the State of New Hampshire, 90 minutes by automobile from the city of Boston, Massachusetts. International students from a variety of countries are attracted to Colby-Sawyer for its excellent English as a Second Language (ESL) program, safe and attractive location, small classes, and the many academic and co-curricular opportunities it offers. With a current population of approximately 1,000 undergraduate students, the college is able to maintain an average class size of 18 and a student-to-faculty ratio of 11:1. Because of this, international students are able to know their professors well and to enjoy a comfortable atmosphere, which encourages participation in class discussions.
English Language and American Culture Program (ELAC)

The ELAC Program offers many services for all international students, including:
• English as a Second Language classes
• International student orientation
• Immigration counseling and intercultural advising
• On-campus and off-campus social and cultural events and field trips.

All programming is designed to increase intercultural communication among international students, domestic students, and the college and town communities.

In addition to the support offered to international students through ELAC, the Academic Development Center (ADC) offers comprehensive educational support for all Colby-Sawyer students. The ADC provides assistance in writing, reading, and study skills, as well as in specific courses.

English as a Second Language Program (ESL)

Students receive credit for all ESL courses taken at the college. Other methods of improving English skills may include:
• Conversation hours with American students and/or community members
• Video viewing and discussion of cultural values
• Home stays with local, English-speaking families.
Curriculum

Colby-Sawyer College offers an innovative curriculum in liberal arts education that instills a solid base in traditional academic disciplines combined with valuable professional preparation. Small classes and lab sections, technological access, specialized seminars, and opportunities for independent study permit Colby-Sawyer students to take an active role in shaping their education.

Students may declare a major upon acceptance to Colby-Sawyer, or they may wait until the end of their second year to do so.

Student Development

The Student Development Office incorporates the efforts of five campus offices, all of which connect and contribute to the common mission of life education at Colby-Sawyer.

The Office of Campus Safety employs an experienced, multi-talented staff, which provides 24-hour private security to the entire campus community.

Baird Health and Counseling Center offers confidential health care services to all students, including outstanding physical and psychological care.

Major Courses of Study

Bachelor of Arts (BA)
- Biology
- Communication Studies
- English (Literature)
- History, Society and Culture
- Psychology
- Studio Art

Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA)
- Graphic Design
- Studio Art

Bachelor of Science (BS)
- Business Administration
- Child Development
- Community and Environmental Studies
- Nursing
- Exercise and Sport Sciences (any of three specializations)
  - Athletic Training
  - Exercise Science
  - Sport Management

Students may minor in the following areas:
- American Studies
- Art History
- Biology
- Business Administration
- Child Development
- Communication Studies
- Community and Environmental Studies
- English (Literature)
- History
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Studio Art
- Theatre
- Women’s Studies
- Writing for Publication
Throughout the year the Office of Campus Activities is charged with coordinating events such as regular film viewings, Spring Weekend, and New Student Orientation.

The Office of Citizenship Education works to strengthen values of personal and community responsibility among all Colby-Sawyer students.

The Office of Residential Education serves to create and maintain a living environment where student, staff and faculty differences are respected, and where individuals can find and celebrate common bonds.

**Housing**
The Office of Residential Education understands and values the variety in housing needs that is represented among Colby-Sawyer students, and it seeks to meaningfully address those needs on an individual basis.

First year students are asked to complete a roommate questionnaire, which is used to place them with compatible roommates during their first year of study.

Following the first year of study, students are free to select a room with friends, to choose to live alone (limited availability), or to decline the college’s room and board contract in favor of seeking a space off campus.

**Internships**
A great deal of learning takes place in the classrooms, laboratories and studios at Colby-Sawyer, and valuable experience is acquired in practical, hands-on internships. Of the college’s recent graduates, 97 percent completed an internship in their major while they were students. This internship experience, along with projects, presentations and other practical assignments, gives students a strong advantage when applying for employment after college.

Colby-Sawyer students have completed internships at many businesses and organizations, a few of which are listed here.

- American Express
- Boston Celtics (professional basketball team)
- Cable News Network (CNN)
- Converse, Inc. Athletic Shoe Company
- Harvard University Athletics
- MGM/United Artists Entertainment Corporation
- New England Patriots (professional American football team)
- United States Olympic Training Center
Career Development
Colby-Sawyer College helps students move into professional careers upon graduation. At the Harrington Center for Career Development, students shape a career path and determine the best way to follow it. The Harrington Center’s services help an impressive 98 percent of Colby-Sawyer graduates find employment in their fields or acceptance to graduate programs within six months of graduation.

Services provided by the Harrington Center include:
• Academic major and career counseling
• Resume (curriculum vitae) writing workshops
• Practice interview sessions
• Computerized example tests for graduate examinations required for acceptance to law schools, medical schools and other post-graduate institutions
• On-campus and off-campus job fairs and seminars.

Student Activities
Colby-Sawyer students find many ways to be active. Many of our students are involved in varsity athletics, the student newspaper, student government, or any of the other numerous activities available. Below are some of the many ways students can become involved and have fun, both on and off campus.

Sports and Activities

Athletic and recreational activities include the following:
Men’s Varsity Athletics
• Alpine Ski Racing
• Baseball
• Basketball
• Equestrian
• Soccer
• Swimming and Diving
• Tennis
• Track and Field

Women’s Varsity Athletics
• Alpine Ski Racing
• Basketball
• Equestrian
• Lacrosse
• Soccer
• Swimming and Diving
• Track and Field
• Volleyball

Club, Intramural and Recreational Athletics
• Basketball
• Cycling
• Golf
• Floor Hockey
• Ice Hockey
• Indoor Soccer
• Nordic Ski Racing
• Outing Club
• Rugby

Here are just a few of the many clubs and organizations on campus.
• Art Students’ League
• Colbyan Yearbook Staff
• Colby-Sawyer Courier (student newspaper)
• Cross Cultural Club
• Dance Club
• Key Association (student ambassadors)
• Student Government Association
A Message from Admissions

We hope to learn about your background through your participation in our admissions process. If you have access to the Internet, please visit our Web site at www.colby-sawyer.edu. In the admissions section, you will be able to either download our Application for Admission to send to us by postal mail or fill out the interactive version to send to us directly from the Web site.

To apply for admission to Colby-Sawyer College, please submit the following materials:

- Completed Application for Admission
- $45 (U.S.) application fee. There is no charge for an online application.
- Essay or personal statement
- Official academic records, including current or most recent studies, with official translations
- Two academic recommendations, with official translations
- Official TOEFL score report (students from English-speaking countries may submit SAT-I scores in lieu of TOEFL).*

If you have taken a 13th year program, such as the advanced level International Baccalaureate or the British A-Levels, please notify the Office of Admissions. You may receive credit for the advanced work you completed in high school and may begin classes at a higher level. It is important that you include copies of the syllabi for any advanced classes so our registrar may determine if they meet the criteria for credit waiver.

* A minimum TOEFL score of 500/173 is required for admission.

Costs and Financial Assistance

Academic quality, student experience and co-curricular activities are just some of the characteristics you will use to determine which college to attend. Cost is also an important factor. While the primary responsibility of paying for one’s education lies with the student and the family, Colby-Sawyer wants to do all it can to help you meet college costs.

Estimated student expenses for an academic year (September–May) total $39,000 (U.S.). This includes tuition, room and board, books, supplies and personal expenses. It does not include the cost of travel.

To apply for financial assistance, you must complete the Colby-Sawyer College Financial Aid Application for International Students. Before we can develop a personalized financial aid award for you, you must be accepted by the Office of Admissions.

Our admissions staff is ready to assist you in learning more about Colby-Sawyer College. Please contact us at any time with your questions. We look forward to speaking with you.

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Our mission places students at the center of everything we do — our faculty and staff are dedicated to making your education a positive, challenging and rewarding experience in every respect. For more information call, write or e-mail our Office of Admissions.

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