Minors

American Studies
Art History
Biology
Business Administration
Chemistry
Child Development
Education
English
Environmental Studies
Film Studies
Health Studies
History
International Studies
Legal Studies
Media Studies
Philosophy
Political Studies
Psychology
Sociology
Studio Art
Women’s Studies
Writing for Publication

Other programs

Certificate in Human Resource Management
Provides students with the knowledge, practices, skills and credentials necessary to effectively manage a modern workforce.

Coaching Certificate
For students interested in pursuing careers in coaching or who plan to coach part-time, the certificate is a formal acknowledgment of training in coaching that is recognized by all six New England states and most others.

Leadership Certificate
This program develops students’ management, leadership and supervisory skills for success in any profession or organization.

Pre-Law
The Liberal Education Program, in conjunction with a major program of study, provides opportunities for students to fine-tune the skills needed for law school.

Pre-Med and Pre-Vet
The requirements for pre-med and pre-veterinary programs can be fulfilled in combination with any major. All interested students meet with a pre-med/pre-vet advisor to discuss career planning.

Pre-Physical Therapy
Colby-Sawyer graduates have pursued their master’s and doctorates in physical therapy from a variety of sources including the Athletic Training, Exercise Science and Biology majors, but students may choose any major and take the suggested prerequisites.

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Academic Majors and Programs
Graduate schools Colby-Sawyer alumni have attended include:
In its 175 years of educating young people, never before have so many wanted to attend Colby-Sawyer. Maybe you know what you want to major in. Maybe you don’t—and that’s okay. One of the reasons for going to college is to discover what will sustain you for life, in and outside of the workplace. Students like you choose Colby-Sawyer for the innovative liberal arts and sciences programs, the beautiful campus and to connect with professors who love teaching small undergraduate classes.

The Colby-Sawyer academic experience is about becoming a confident and liberally educated individual. You’ll blend your academic and co-curricular activities with professional training and study abroad options into a seamless and personal educational experience that prepares you for advanced studies and careers.

The world is waiting for you, and it needs prepared college graduates who can think critically, communicate effectively, connect ideas and collaborate with people from all walks of life. More than 97 percent of our students graduate with the experience of one or more internships (only Studio Art and Art History majors are not required to complete an internship) and 43 percent of those turn into jobs. As a senior, you will complete a Capstone project, the culmination of all your learning at Colby-Sawyer and present it at the Scholars Symposium to show yourself, your peers and your family what you’re capable of doing with a Colby-Sawyer education—anything.

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Art History majors study the history of visual culture to understand how art and the built environment have responded to and shaped significant historical events, projected and constructed social meaning, and enriched human experience across cultural and geographical boundaries.

The program begins with a two-semester long introductory survey and fundamental studio work, then continues through intermediate-level courses in more focused historical and geographical areas. To gain an interdisciplinary perspective, students must integrate courses in other departments that complement their art history interests.

Program Highlights

- Faculty in the Fine and Performing Arts Department have studied and exhibited works throughout the world and include Fulbright scholars, a winner of the Pollack-Krasner Award, and a contributing author of Meggs’ History of Graphic Design.

- Colby-Sawyer’s Permanent Collection holds prints by master artists including Dürer, Rembrandt, Kandinsky and Hiroshige.

- The Mugar Art Gallery provides the opportunity to work with contemporary artists and designers as well as with works from the college’s Archives and Permanent Collection.

- Students meet with guest artists, work in the gallery and visit art museums all around New England.

- Major requirements allow for and encourage study abroad options. Some courses have an optional travel component.

- The senior Capstone project is thesis based and involves extensive independent research.

Recent Internships

- Brattleboro Museum & Art Center—Exhibitory Intern
- Fine Arts Work Center—Gallery Work/Public Events/Readings
- Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum—Education/Museum Curating/Public Relations
- Multicultural Arts Management Internship Program—Arts Management
- Newport Library Arts Center—Gallery Assistant

Career Paths

- Archivist
- Art appraiser
- Art conservation
- Education
- Gallery owner
- Historic preservation
- Museum curatorship
Art—Graphic Design
Bachelor of Fine Arts

The Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Graphic Design provides intensive study and preparation for students who intend to pursue a professional career in graphic design. To develop students' creative and critical thinking alongside their technical and professional skills, students complete a series of foundation and introductory courses required of all studio art majors before focusing on graphic design.

The program's studio courses use traditional and digital methods to explore all aspects of graphic design, from basic principles and typography to web design, visual identity, advertising and retail.

Recent Internships

- Ferrara and Company
- Harp and Company
- Lawrence King Publishing
- Lowell General Hospital
- New Hampshire Magazine
- New Hampshire Wildlife Federation
- Original LAX Bros, LLC
- Technica USA & Vöklä Sport America

Program Highlights

- Graphic Design students work with outside clients to create professional design solutions.
- The state-of-the-art Francis Lockwood Bailey Graphic Design Studio is open 24/7.
- The Graphic Design faculty includes a contributing author of Meggs' History of Graphic Design. Professors also bring the expertise of design studio ownership and corporate experience to the classroom.
- The Susan C. Harp Collection for Graphic Design, part of the college's Permanent Collection, features design posters, art books and logos.
- Major requirements allow for and encourage study abroad options. Some courses have an optional travel component.
- The curriculum includes visits to design studios, print production sites, museums and guest lecturers.
- Seniors prepare a formal presentation and exhibition in the Mugar Art Gallery.
- Colby-Sawyer offers a merit award for Art and Graphic Design based on demonstrated skill or involvement. Students may apply for merit awards at any point in the application process, including prior to their acceptance.

Career Paths

- Animator—Sonlist Studios
- Founder—Build Interactive
- Graphic designer—Harp and Company
- Graphic designer—Infantino Company
- Partner and creative director—The AD Club
- Web design—Fidelity Investments
Art—Studio Art
Bachelor of Arts

The Bachelor of Arts degree provides a broad study of the visual arts based on a solid foundation in several studio disciplines and art history.

Building around the core of the liberal arts curriculum, studio art majors first complete a series of foundation and introductory courses in two- and three-dimensional design. Students then select a concentration in one of seven areas: Ceramics, Drawing, Graphic Design, Painting, Photography, Printmaking or Sculpture. Students are encouraged to continue experiments outside their concentration area to gain a wider working knowledge of the arts.

The Bachelor of Arts is recommended for students who seek depth of study in the fine arts while still exploring professional options outside the field. This degree is also recommended for students pursuing the Education minor and those who intend to pursue graduate study in arts education.

Art—Studio Art
Bachelor of Fine Arts

The Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Studio Art provides intensive study of the visual arts and prepares students for careers as professional artists and designers.

The essential purpose of the B.F.A. in Studio Art is to develop students’ creative and critical thinking alongside strong studio skills and technical abilities, ensuring a solid foundation for graduate-level study and a professional career in the fine arts. Students select a concentration in one of six areas: Ceramics, Drawing, Painting, Photography, Printmaking or Sculpture.
An art degree can be paired with any minor for an enriching educational experience. Some minors, however, are particularly helpful if you envision teaching or owning your own business: Business Administration, Education and Media Studies.

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**Recent Internships**

- The Fells Historic Estate—Gallery Management and Landscape Management Intern
- Fine Arts Work Center—Gallery Work/Public Events
- Maine Media Workshops—Art and Photography Intern
- Massachusetts Cultural Council—Art Education
- Strawberry Banke Museum—Landscape Design Intern
- Two Palms in New York City—Studio Assistant
- Washington National Opera—Artistic Administration and Production Intern
- Wellhouse Farm Pottery—Studio Assistant

**Career Paths**

- Art instructors in educational institutions across the country
- Gallery owner
- Independent artist
The Athletic Training Program educates students in the prevention, recognition, management and rehabilitation of injuries for the physically active. The program supplements academic preparation with clinical experience, preparing students for careers as athletic trainers in educational settings, professional sports, sports medicine clinics and corporate or industrial settings.

The program also prepares students for graduate studies in athletic training, physical therapy and allied health fields. Students are eligible to apply for the Board of Certification exam after completing this program, which is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education.

Program Highlights

- 100 percent of our 2011 graduates passed the Board of Certification test on the first try.
- An on-campus teaching lab and sports medicine clinic puts education into action.
- Athletic Training majors may compete on Division III varsity teams.
- Affiliation agreements assist qualified candidates’ entrance into the graduate programs at Plymouth State University and Springfield College in Springfield, Mass.
- The Exercise and Sport Sciences Department boasts more clinical professors than most schools our size.

Clinical Experiences

In their second year, Athletic Training majors begin the first of five required clinical experiences. Colby-Sawyer students work with a variety of organizations, including:

- Concord Orthopedics
- Dartmouth College’s football team
- Furman University’s Athletic Department
- Keelin Studio for Strength & Wellness
- New England Patriots
- New London Hospital
- Proctor Academy
- St. Anselm College’s ice hockey team

Career Paths

- Clinic director—Warwick Physical Therapy Institute
- Clinical dietitian—Holy Family Hospital
- Director of fitness—Manchester Athletic Club
- EMT—Golden Cross Ambulance, Inc.
- Head athletic trainer/assistant director of athletics—Berkshire School
- Physician assistant—Emergency/Intensive Care/Surgery, Holy Cross Hospital
- Researcher—Exercise Testing Lab, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
Biology
Bachelor of Arts

The Biology major is designed to give students a broad education in all aspects of biology, preparing them for careers in the field and for professional or graduate programs. The program takes full advantage of the fields, pond and 100-acre forest on campus, the laboratory facilities of the Curtis L. Ivey Science Center and the natural resources of the Lake Sunapee Region.

Small upper-level courses mean students work closely with academic advisors and can tailor their course of study to concentrate in one of several areas of biology.

Program Highlights

- The Department of Natural Sciences advises students interested in medical, veterinary and other health-related professional schools. This includes dentistry, optometry, physician assistant, podiatry and osteopathy as well as medical or veterinary school.

- Colby-Sawyer is part of the New Hampshire IDEA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence (NH-INBRE) and one of the recipient institutions of a joint $15.4 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to promote biomedical research opportunities in New Hampshire for undergraduate students and their faculty.

- Colby-Sawyer College is affiliated with the School for Field Studies and qualified students may study in Australia, Costa Rica, Kenya, Mexico or Turks & Caicos.

- Field studies courses have travel components in Arizona, Martha’s Vineyard, the White Mountains of New Hampshire and Colorado.

- Ongoing applied science projects on campus include a maple sugaring operation, a tree nursery and an organic garden.

Recent Internships

- Audubon Societies of Maine and New Hampshire
- Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory
- CVS Pharmacy—Pharmacy Technician
- Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center—Oncology Program Intern
- Department of Safety, State of New Hampshire—Forensics Lab
- The Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth—Biomedical Research
- MOTE Marine Laboratory—Marine Research/Education
- The Nature Conservancy
- Tufts School of Veterinary Medicine—Veterinary Assistant
- Tvärminne Zoological Station—Field Biologist
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency—Field Work

Career Paths

- Biology teacher
- Doctor of osteopathy
- Kidney researcher—Boston Medical Center
- Laboratory technician
- Lead keeper of marine mammals—Brookfield Zoo, Chicago
- Mechanical engineer
- Microbiologist
- Optometrist
- Physician assistant
- Research technician—MIT/Whitehead Institute Center for Genome Research
- Senior research technologist—Massachusetts General Hospital
The Business Administration major provides a solid foundation in the liberal arts and equips students with decision-making abilities and knowledge to progress toward responsible management positions in fields such as marketing, finance, accounting, personnel, communications, brokerage and retail.

Case studies and other simulation techniques give students opportunities to gain skills in applying knowledge to concrete situations. Particular attention is given to personal and societal value issues as they pertain to working in an organization and to balancing the various demands of personal needs, family expectations and career expectations.

Students must select one of these four concentrations within the major: Accounting and Finance; Management; Marketing; or Sustainable Business.

Program Highlights

- Business Administration professors bring years of real-world business experience to the classroom.

- Students have the opportunity to manage an investment fund of $25,000. In 2012, three students presented their fund investment results at the Global Asset Management Education Conference in New York City.

- Integration of off-campus field experiences and internships with classroom study.

- Classes are small with frequent opportunities for interaction with faculty.

- The curriculum allows for up to a full year of study away.

- Colby-Sawyer’s award-winning chapter of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) has won its regional competition and gone on to the national competition in 2009, 2011 and 2012.

- Many graduates pursue advanced degrees.

Recent Internships

- Ameriprise—Financial Analyst Intern
- Anheuser-Busch—Merchandising Intern
- Fidelity Investments
- GEI Consultants, Inc.
- MIT Lincoln Laboratory
- New England Aquarium
- Northeast Delta Dental
- U.S. Environmental Protection Association

Career Paths

- Accounting
- Business consulting
- Community relations
- Financial analyst
- Human resource management
- Investor relations
- Market research
- Non-profit management
- Public relations
- Recruiter
- Sales/event management
The Child Development major builds a strong liberal arts foundation with a focus on psychology and child development accompanied by professional experience in settings that serve children and families.

Colby-Sawyer is an approved professional educator preparation program in New Hampshire. Students seeking New Hampshire Teacher Certification in Early Childhood Education (N-3) complete the degree requirements for the B.S. in Child Development and qualify for certification by completing additional coursework in Education.

**Program Highlights**

- The college’s early childhood laboratory school, Windy Hill School, is housed in Colby-Sawyer’s first building designed to be LEED-certified and has toddler, nursery school and kindergarten programs. Child Development majors learn firsthand about young children and the environments that support them through course assignments that require students to observe, research, plan and implement activities and, for those interested in teacher certification, assume teaching responsibilities.

- Affiliation agreements assist qualified candidates into graduate programs at Plymouth State College for those interested in certification (e.g., M.Ed.; M.A.T.; M.B.A. and M.S. degrees) and at Springfield College for those interested in mental health related fields (e.g., clinical mental health counseling, guidance counseling, marriage and family therapy).

**Recent Internships**

- Children’s Alliance of New Hampshire—Advocacy Intern
- Children’s Hospital at Dartmouth—Child Advocate
- Department of Children, Youth and Families
- Hannah House: Creating Opportunities for Parent and Pregnant Teens—House Staff
- Preschools and elementary schools—Student Teacher
- Spaulding Youth Center—Residential Teacher
- Youth Employment Education Services, Inc.—Case Worker

**Career Paths**

- Childcare centers
- Child life specialist
- Director of preschool program
- Early intervention specialist
- Hospitals
- Nursery school, kindergarten and elementary education
- School psychologist
- Social and legal agencies offering services to young children and their families
Creative Writing
Bachelor of Arts

A major in Creative Writing prepares students to enter any number of professions requiring excellent communication skills. Students use creative writing and literature as tools to deepen their understanding of themselves and their world. The major also helps prepare them to publish their writings or continue their studies in graduate school.

Program Highlights

✦ Word Order, the club for English majors, hosts guest artists, film screenings, writing workshops and other events related to literary studies. It also discusses issues and questions related to the major in ways that benefit both students and faculty.

✦ Students produce and publish Solidus, the college’s literary magazine, and The Courier, the college’s student-produced newspaper.

✦ Colby-Sawyer offers a merit award for Creative Writing based on demonstrated skill or involvement. Students may apply for merit awards at any point in the application process, including prior to their acceptance.

Recent Internships

✦ Boothbay Registrar—Journalist
✦ Colby-Sawyer College—The Cleveland, Colby, Colgate Archives
✦ Dow Jones Newspaper Fund, Inc.—Copy editor
✦ The New Hampshire Film Commission
✦ Saint Joseph’s College—Admissions/Public Relations
✦ Spotlight Newspapers—Editorial Assistant

Career Paths

✦ Advertising
✦ Business
✦ Communications
✦ Education
✦ Journalism
✦ Law
✦ Library science
✦ Public relations
✦ Publishing
With its focus on literary studies, the English major offers students opportunities for personal and professional growth as they read, think and write about a broad range of texts which challenge them to question, shape and order the human experience. English majors work closely with faculty to study texts in relation to literary tradition, their own lives and various cultures.

English is the ideal program for students who plan to pursue careers in industries that demand well developed critical thinking, writing, communication and problem-solving skills.

Program Highlights

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- Students produce and publish Solidus, the college’s literary magazine, and The Courier, the college’s student newspaper.

- Dobbins’ Scholarships are awarded to students who demonstrate excellence in English through their coursework and/or creative work submitted to Solidus, the college’s literary magazine.

- Colby-Sawyer offers a merit award for Creative Writing based on demonstrated skill or involvement. Students may apply for merit awards at any point in the application process, including prior to their acceptance.

Recent Internships

- Children’s Hospital Boston—Administration/Human Resources Intern
- College Communications, Colby-Sawyer College—Writer
- Enfield Shaker Museum—Public Relations
- New England Board of Higher Education—Program Coordinator and Research Intern
- New Hampshire Writer’s Project—Communications Intern
- Nashua Community College—HR intern
- Steerforth Press
- University Press of New England—Production Assistant

Career Paths

- Advertising
- Business
- Education
- Film
- Journalism
- Law
- Library science
- Public relations
- Publishing
- Real estate
Environmental Science
Bachelor of Science

The Environmental Science major prepares students to enter the field with the skills of environmental professionals through opportunities such as a community-based research project and a required internship.

There are two concentrations within the major: terrestrial and aquatic. The aquatic concentration has a stronger chemistry component while the terrestrial concentration focuses more on conservation biology. Environmental Science majors are not required to complete a minor.

Recent Internships
- Lake Sunapee Protection Association—Water Quality Monitor
- Loon Preservation Committee—Field Biologist
- Massachusetts Audubon Society—Shore Bird Monitor
- National Weather Service—Operational Forecasting
- U.S. Department of Agriculture—Natural Resource and Environment Intern

Career Paths
- Clean Air Program associate
- Community organizer
- Environmental education
- Energy conservation advocate
- Field naturalist
- GIS technician
- Groundwater and land protection specialists
- Outdoor instructor
- Surface water manager
- Water resource technician
- Watershed stewardship coordinator
- Wetlands protection

Environmental Studies
Bachelor of Science

In the Environmental Studies major, students are introduced to ecology, business, nature writing, ethics and psychology or sociology, and make links between each of these areas and the environment. The program features a professional focus and provides students with the skills they need to move directly from college into the work force or graduate study in a number of fields. Environmental Studies majors are required to complete a minor.

Recent Internships
- Denali Trekking Company—Operations
- The Environmental Magazine—Advertising/Marketing
- Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge
- The Nature Conservancy
- U.S. Army Corp of Engineers—Park Intern

Career Paths
- Climate change communication officer
- Conservation advocate
- Conservation trust administrator
- Efficiency expert
- Energy program assistant
- Environmental communications analyst
- Environmental education
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technician
- Land protection specialist
- Recycling planner
- Regional heritage development specialist
The Environmental Studies Department builds on the strengths of two types of students who share a common passion: For those whose interest in the environment has a more scientific focus, there is the Environmental Science major. Those with a more interdisciplinary interest will feel at home in the Environmental Studies major. Both majors feature a professional focus and provide students with the skills they need to move directly from college into the work force. The programs also prepare students for graduate study in law and any number of other fields.

In both programs, students develop a sense and vision of nature while exploring the world’s natural communities and gain greater understanding of the environmental issues and changes we all face as inhabitants of one small planet.

**Program Highlights**

- The Environmental Studies Department was recognized with substantial support from the National Science Foundation to expand student learning and research opportunities.

- The laboratory facilities of the Curtis L. Ivey Science Center include a spatial ecology lab for working with Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and GPS equipment. Stationary and mobile lab equipment for air, water and soil testing is available. Other resources include the fields, pond and 100-acre forest on campus, a weather monitoring station and the Lake Sunapee Region’s natural resources.

- The third-year project is the defining characteristic of the Environmental Studies and Environmental Science majors. Students are immersed in an in-depth, year-long analysis of a local environmental problem or issue that requires detailed field work and extended site visits, analysis and collaboration.

- Colby-Sawyer faculty and students run a N.H. Department of Environmental Services water-quality laboratory on campus that processes samples from area lakes.

- Ongoing applied science projects on campus include a maple sugaring operation, a tree nursery and an organic garden.

- Colby-Sawyer College is affiliated with the School for Field Studies and qualified students may study in Australia, Costa Rica, Kenya, Mexico or Turks & Caicos.

- Field studies courses focusing on desert, marine, alpine and river ecosystems have travel components in Arizona, Martha’s Vineyard, the White Mountains of New Hampshire and Colorado.
Exercise Science
Bachelor of Science

Exercise Science is a multifaceted field that focuses on the study of exercise and physical activity as it relates to improved health, fitness and motor performance enhancement. The Exercise Science major emphasizes a scientific approach to wellness; courses are designed to meet the recommended standards of the American College of Sports Medicine in preparing students to become health fitness specialists.

Program Highlights

- Affiliation agreements assist qualified candidates’ entrance into the graduate programs at Plymouth State University and Springfield College in Springfield, Mass.
- Students may choose to supplement their major with a coaching certificate.
- Pre-physical therapy advising is available.
- Students are required to complete two internship experiences.
- Students receive hands-on experience collecting human movement data.
- Students design and conduct a research project their senior year.

Recent Internships

- Children’s Hospital Boston—Exercise Laboratory Intern
- Duke University Live for Life—Health Education and Fitness Programming
- Maine Artificial Limb and Orthotics—Orthotics Assistant
- Milton Hospital—Personal Training Assistant
- Physical Therapy Assistant
- Practitioner/Technical Assistant
- Dartmouth College—Research Assistant
- Los Angeles Dodgers—Strength and Conditioning Intern

Career Paths

- Emergency preparedness and response coordinator
- Exercise physiologist
- Exercise specialist
- Head strength and conditioning coordinator—U.S. Olympic Committee
- Occupational therapist
- Physical therapist
- Physician assistant in cardiology—Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center
- Pulmonary rehabilitation coordinator
- Strength and conditioning coach—Cincinnati Reds
The Health Care Management major, part of the Business Administration Department, prepares students for leadership roles in the U.S. health care system by providing a solid foundation in the liberal arts. Health Care Management majors take advanced health care and business courses, such as health care management/law, economics/policy, and finance, as well as marketing, human resources, organizational behavior and management communications.

The major integrates classroom, research and internship experiences to provide students with multidisciplinary knowledge and practical skills. Students graduate prepared for entry-level positions in health care and the knowledge necessary for administrative positions in nursing homes, hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, managed care and other organizations providing health services.

The major also prepares graduates for more specialized study at the graduate level.

Program Highlights

◆ Professors bring years of real-world experience to the classroom.

◆ Classes are small with frequent opportunity for interaction with faculty.

◆ The first two years of study are a blend of liberal education courses, such as psychology, sociology, statistics, personal health and wellness and biology, along with several introductory courses in health care systems and business.

◆ Between their junior and senior year, students complete an internship at a health care organization of their choice that is specific to learning and building the skills of a health care manager.

◆ During the last semester of their senior year, Health Care Management majors undertake an intensive team Capstone project that provides real solutions to real issues.

Recent Internships

◆ American Cancer Society—Cancer Resource & Health Initiatives Intern
◆ Dartmouth- Hitchcock Medical Center—Project Assistant
◆ Human Resources Office, Mercy Hospital—Workforce Development Intern
◆ New Hampshire State Public Health Department
◆ New London Hospital—Marketing and Development Intern
◆ Northeast Rehab Hospital—Management Intern
◆ Sullivan County Public Health and Disaster Preparedness Unit

Career Paths

◆ Finance
◆ Government relations
◆ Human resources
◆ Manager
◆ Marketing and public affairs
◆ Medical staff relations
◆ Patient care services
Health Promotion

Bachelor of Science

The Health Promotion major, part of the Exercise and Sport Sciences Department, draws on the expertise of faculty in programs across the college, including Biology, Psychology, Math, Sociology and Exercise and Sport Sciences, to create a sharp focus on the knowledge and skills necessary for graduates to compassionately and effectively enable individuals to improve their wellness and take control of their health.

Program Highlights

- Practical application of strategies learned in the Health Promotion major can expand the focus of the work to implement social and environmental interventions in schools, communities and with policy makers.

- The program integrates classroom, laboratory, research and extensive field experience to provide the student with the disciplinary knowledge and practical skills necessary to assume a role in health promotion and wellness for public, community, health care and worksite settings.

- Health Promotion majors can draw on Colby-Sawyer’s many established medical and health-related partnerships and professional collaborations.

Recent Internships

- Back in the Saddle Equine Therapy Center—Volunteer Coordinator
- CASA of New Hampshire—Program Assistant/Case Worker
- Children’s Alliance of New Hampshire—Advocacy Intern
- Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center—Fitness and Activity Assistant
- Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth—Research Assistant
- Manchester Health Department—Research Assistant
- New London Hospital—Nutrition Rehabilitation
- RiverWoods at Exeter—Human Resources
- Spaulding Youth Center—Residential Teacher

Career Paths

- American Cancer Society
- American Diabetes Association
- Dietitian
- Health counselor
- Health educator
- Health promotion specialist
- Human resources
- Occupational therapist
- Physical therapist
- Public health nurse
- Red Cross
- Secondary and higher education
History and Political Studies is an interdisciplinary major. Required courses hone students’ written and verbal communication skills while they gain a broad understanding of how social, political and cultural forces shape societies. The major encourages students to explore individual interests in history or political studies as well as regional or thematic interests. A suggested pre-law sequence for students interested in pursuing careers in law or politics is available.

Program Highlights

- Faculty within the major include Fulbright scholars, book authors and the 2012 recipient of the N.H. Excellence in Education Award for Higher Education.
- Colby-Sawyer has an affiliation with the Washington Internship Institute, which offers internship opportunities in Washington, D.C.
- Major requirements are flexible and accommodate study abroad opportunities.
- Research opportunities at the undergraduate level with faculty.

Recent Internships

- Boston African American National Historic Site—Park Ranger
- Friends of John Hay Wildlife Refuge—Historical Research and Writing Intern
- N.H. Citizens Alliance—State Legislative Assistant
- N.H. Democratic Party—Operations/Communications/Field Research/Fundraising
- N.H. Department of Corrections—Probation/Parole Intern
- Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site—Interpretive Guide/Education
- Texas Ranger Hall of Fame—Library/Archives Aide
- Orr & Reno Professional Association—Legal Assistant
- Western Arctic National Parklands—Environmental Educational Intern

Career Paths

- Business
- Education
- Journalism
- Law
- Lobbyist
- Museum curatorship
- Nonprofit organizations
- Politics
- Public relations
Media Studies is an interdisciplinary major that presents students with communication theories and issues. Students gain hands-on experience with opportunities to specialize in audio, video and multimedia production, as well as in print.

Media Studies majors develop awareness of the social contexts in which they communicate as they strengthen their public speaking, writing and critical thinking skills. Students analyze the history and role of mass media in society and consider the legal and ethical issues they will face as professionals.

Program Highlights

- The Baker Communication Center includes studios and offices for the radio station (WSCS 90.9 FM), the student newspaper and video productions.
- The Video Production Complex includes a studio and control room, two editing suites, a screening room and faculty offices.
- The Colby-Sawyer Courier is the college’s online student newspaper.

Recent Internships

- Dartmouth College—Public Relations/Media
- Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center—Video Production
- E/The Environmental Magazine
- Globalvision—Digital Media
- Hill Holliday Advertising Agency
- Life is Good—Marketing
- Maine Public Television
- Major League Lacrosse—Web Video
- NBC Entertainment and Publicity
- New England Sports Network
- New Hampshire Public Radio and Television
- Portland Magazine
- San Antonio Spurs
- WMUR Channel 9
- Young Broadcasters of America

Careers Paths

- Acting careers in film and television
- Award-winning newspaper reporters and editors
- English teachers
- Marketing positions in entertainment promotion companies, museums and major department stores
- Media managers, directors and productions assistants at television stations
- Writers for FOX Sports, Time-Warner TV News and MTV
Multidisciplinary Studies
Bachelor of Arts

The Multidisciplinary Studies major allows students who are interested in more than one field of study to acquire a broad liberal arts foundation combined with the opportunity to focus in-depth on more than one academic area.

Students in the major explore how insights from various disciplines inform their understanding of complex issues as well as the methods utilized by different disciplines and how they contribute to integrative understanding.

Students develop skills in interdisciplinary research and problem solving, in oral and written communication, and the integration of diverse perspectives. The Multidisciplinary Studies major is excellent preparation for lifetime learning in its richest sense and is a good choice for those who want to feed their intellectual curiosity and love of learning while developing satisfying careers in a world of rapidly changing skill requirements.

Program Highlights

- Students must select a minor.
- A significant part of the major is intentional career exploration, which is integrated in the introductory course, close collaboration with the Career Development Center, two required internships and the senior Capstone project.
- The major emphasizes development of a broad body of integrated knowledge and essential skills such as critical and creative thinking, as well as written and verbal communication, which prepares students to deal with a world of changing professions and skill requirements.
- The major serves as an academic home for students who enter the college undecided on a major.

Recent Internships

- Girls Incorporated—Program Assistant
- Monadnock Community Hospital—Community Relations
- New Hampshire Democratic Party—Media Relations
- Town of Sudbury—Planning Intern

Careers Paths

- Business
- Community organizers
- Education
- Government
- Nonprofit organizations
- Public advocacy
Nursing
Bachelor of Science

Students apply directly to Colby-Sawyer’s Nursing Program, and if admitted, begin taking nursing courses during their first year and clinical training during their sophomore year. They learn in a rigorous climate of success supported by exceptional faculty and staff who integrate the professional education required for nursing practice with the liberal arts and sciences. The program’s core components ensure that our students develop the knowledge and skills essential to the role of the professional nurse.

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC), 30 minutes north of New London, considers Colby-Sawyer its own undergraduate nursing program and DHMC nurses help educate our students in the laboratory and in clinical settings.

Application Requirements
Successful applicants will demonstrate the following academic record from their high school: 3.3 GPA in college preparatory course work; three years of high school science including chemistry; three years of high school level math including Algebra II.

Program Highlights
- Colby-Sawyer is the nursing school for DHMC and all required clinical experiences can be completed there.
- Nursing students in their sophomore year join first-year medical students from Dartmouth College for inter-professional courses at DHMC.
- Students train in the state-of-the-art Patient Safety and Simulation Center at DHMC.
- Students receive preference for preceptorships and externships at DHMC, as well as in hiring after graduation.
- Students learn from 22 highly qualified faculty members, 75 percent of whom practice at DHMC. All faculty have current knowledge and skills in their fields of study.
- Students begin preparing for their National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) during their first nursing course and seniors have a year-long NCLEX preparatory course.
- The 2011 first-attempt pass rate of the NCLEX-RN was 95.6 percent.

Clinical Education Opportunities
As sophomores, students spend one day each week in a clinical setting. During junior year and fall of the senior year, nursing students spend two days a week in a clinical setting. Hospital-based clinical rotations include rotations in medical-surgical, pediatrics, obstetrics and mental health nursing.

In spring of their senior year, students do a semester-long preceptorship and work one-on-one with a nurse-preceptor in a clinical setting under the guidance of Nursing faculty. Preceptorship settings have included: hematology special care, post-anesthesia care, emergency department, cardiac intervention and pediatrics. This experience facilitates the transition from the role of student to graduate nurse.

Career Paths
- With a B.S. in nursing, graduates can work in hospitals, home care, schools and clinics, case management, health administration, pharmaceutical sales and enter military service as an officer.
- Most seniors graduate with jobs already waiting for them, and though they can go anywhere, many choose to remain in the greater New London area by accepting positions at DHMC.
- Other graduates continue their education to become advanced practice nurses. With a B.S. in nursing, graduates can pursue graduate work in nursing (nurse-practitioner, nurse-midwife, teaching), health policy, law and public health.
By studying some of the greatest works of human thought, the Philosophy major fosters openness of mind; development of reasoned opinions and communication; critical, creative and independent thinking; plus information management and research and writing skills. The study of philosophy leads to deeper understanding of intellectual history and engagement with the meaning and value of human life.

Program Highlights

- Faculty who teach philosophy courses include published authors who specialize in social and political philosophy, the philosophy of art, ethics and the philosophy of gender. They are experienced teachers and accessible to students.

- Small classes offer individual attention while fostering lively, challenging discussions.

- The Philosophy Program is closely connected to the Colby-Sawyer pre-law advising program. Students are well prepared for the GMAT, GRE, LSAT and MCAT.

- The Philosophy Club, created and run by students, is a great forum in which to enjoy the intellectual life in an informal and friendly atmosphere.

- Credit requirements within Philosophy allow students to double major. Choosing a second major and/or minor is encouraged.

- Powerful internship opportunities are available through The Washington Internship Institute in Washington, D.C.

Recent Internships

- Center for Strategic & International Studies—Research Assistant
- New England Board of Higher Education—Program Coordination and Research Intern
- Office of the Governor, State of Illinois
- Orr & Reno Professional Association—Legal Assistant
- Strawberry Banke Museum—Historic Preservation/Museum Studies
- Vermont Historical Society—Library Assistant

Career Paths

- Administration/Management
- Clergy
- Education
- Government
- Journalism
- Librarian, collection specialist
- Marketing
- Publishing
Psychology
Bachelor of Arts

Psychology is an energetic and dynamic major that focuses on contemporary psychological health care. The major integrates theory, research, practice and self-awareness. Students examine behavior and mental process using the scientific method and apply their knowledge to both laboratory and clinical settings.

The program provides students with breadth and depth of knowledge and skills in psychology with the opportunity to focus their studies in a variety of areas including developmental psychology, counseling and abnormal psychology, and research design and analysis. The culmination of the senior’s work is the design and implementation of an original research project.

Ultimately, the Psychology Program prepares students for graduate work in research or clinical psychology and work in counseling and clinical settings.

Program Highlights

◆ The Psychology faculty includes a Fulbright scholar and the 2008 N.H. Professor of the Year as named by The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

◆ Faculty members invite students to work with them on their research.

◆ Independent studies, teaching and research assistantships and internships provide practical experience.

◆ Program facilities include a human interaction laboratory for conducting studies on research participants.

◆ An affiliation agreement assists qualified candidates into graduate programs at Springfield College in Springfield, Mass.

Recent Internships

◆ Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center’s Child Life Program—Child Life Intern

◆ Department of Juvenile Justice—Juvenile Parole Assistant

◆ New London Hospital—Human Resources/Health Care Administration/Social Work Intern

◆ Pine Rock Manor—Activity Director’s Intern

◆ Riverbend Community Mental Health Center—Residential Rehabilitation Intern

Career Paths

◆ Community and public relations or public affairs

◆ Counselor

◆ Director of volunteer services

◆ Education or law

◆ Human resources

◆ Mediator

◆ Practicing psychologist

◆ Social services and community support

◆ Vocational rehabilitation
Public Health
Bachelor of Science

The Public Health major, part of the Nursing Department, prepares students to work in the public and private sectors to serve and protect the health of others. The Public Health major at Colby-Sawyer prepares graduates to practice within the U.S. public health system and confront complex health issues. Through an interdisciplinary approach, students study dimensions of population health, health disparities, vulnerable populations and other current public health concerns. Classroom, laboratory, internship and research experiences provide graduates with the knowledge and practical skills to work within the public health system as well as pursue graduate education in public health.

Program Highlights

✦ Several academic departments collaborate to provide rich and diverse course offerings such as epidemiology; sociology of aging; personal health and wellness; mental health systems in the United States; sustainability and statistics.

✦ All students complete internships in public health settings, putting classroom knowledge into action.

✦ Senior Capstone research projects allow for in-depth study in public health topics such as violence on college campuses, teen pregnancy, influenza vaccination of college-age students and the cholera epidemic in Haiti.

Recent Internships

✦ New Hampshire State Public Health Department
✦ New London Hospital—Community Health Program
✦ Sullivan County Public Health and Disaster Preparedness Unit

Career Paths

✦ Administrator
✦ Attorney
✦ Demographer
✦ Environmentalist
✦ Epidemiologist
✦ Health educator
✦ Health advocate
✦ Journalist
✦ Laboratory scientist
✦ Policy analyst
✦ Researcher
✦ Social worker
The Sociology major complements and strengthens the broad exposure to the liberal arts all Colby-Sawyer students receive. Important components of the program include an exposure to cultural diversity, the influences of culture and social structure, and the pervasiveness and causes of social inequality. Students have the opportunity for service learning experiences and independent research projects. Through upper-level courses, students can develop mini-concentrations in areas such as family life, social inequality or race-ethnic relations.

**Program Highlights**

- The Sociology faculty includes a Fulbright scholar.
- The major provides students with a strong theoretical background and hands-on research opportunities that serve as excellent foundations for a wide range of career fields.
- Sociology majors complete a required internship experience in a human services organization through which they apply their knowledge and gain professional experience. Students choose from a variety of internship options that will assist entry into a professional career.
- Flexibility in the major encourages students to study abroad.
- Colby-Sawyer has an affiliation with the Washington Internship Institute, which offers internship opportunities in Washington, D.C.
- Close ties to other majors and overlapping credits allow students to complete a minor.
- A required sequence of research courses prepares students for graduate school and sharpens their skills in program evaluation.

**Recent Internships**

- Big Brothers, Big Sisters
- Commission on the Status of Women
- Department of Children Youth and Families
- Domestic violence shelter
- Educational settings
- Food shelters
- Health care settings
- Juvenile Court Diversion Network
- Legal offices
- New Hampshire Women’s Fund
- Residential programs for pregnant teens
- Social work and human services agencies

**Career Paths**

- Counselor
- Human services, social work
- Legal professions
- Non-profit organizations
Sport Management
Bachelor of Science

The Sport Management major integrates the study of sport and business with practical experience. Through work in the classroom, research and field experience, students gain the necessary knowledge and skills to work in various sport industry settings such as marketing and promotions, corporate sales, ticketing and finance. Students assume leadership in the implementation and development of sport programs as coaches, athletic directors, directors of recreation or facilities coordinators.

Program Highlights

- Two internship experiences are required within the major.
- Affiliation agreements assist qualified candidates into graduate programs at Plymouth State University and Springfield College in Springfield, Mass.
- Students may complete a Coaching Certificate, a formal acknowledgment of training in coaching that is recognized by most states in the U.S. and all six New England states.
- Students design and conduct a research project in their senior year.
- An annual symposium allows students to meet nationally recognized experts in their field.

Recent Internships

- Cooperstown Dreams Park—Baseball Operations Intern
- Football Association of Ireland—Intern
- Hole in the Wall Gang Camp
- Indianapolis Indians—Media Relations
- Ipswich Public Schools—Athletics Management
- Major League Lacrosse—Web Video
- New England Patriots and Revolution—Marketing Intern
- Newburyport Daily News—Sports Reporter
- Princeton Rays Baseball Club—Marketing and Administrative Intern
- Roger Dean Stadium—Stadium Operations
- Royal Caribbean, International—Program Assistant
- Seacoast United—Administrative Intern
- Volkl Tennis—Marketing

Career Paths

- Assistant director of athletics and media relations—University of Alabama
- Capital project analyst—Harvard University
- Director of programs—Special Olympics
- Director of sponsorship sales—Indianapolis Colts
- Founder and director—Metro West Sports Center
- Head women’s tennis coach—Ida College
- Manager of national team events and marketing—USA Volleyball
- Vice president of corporate sales—San Francisco 49ers
Minors

American Studies
Art History
Biology
Business Administration
Chemistry
Child Development
Education
English
Environmental Studies
Film Studies
History
International Studies
Legal Studies
Media Studies
Philosophy
Political Studies
Psychology
Sociology
Studio Art
Women’s Studies
Writing for Publication

Other programs

Certificate in Human Resource Management
Provides students with the knowledge, practices, skills, and credentials necessary to effectively manage a modern workforce.

Coaching Certificate
For students interested in pursuing careers in coaching or who plan to coach part-time, the certificate is a formal acknowledgment of training in coaching that is recognized by all six New England states and most others.

Leadership Certificate
This program develops students’ management, leadership, and supervisory skills for success in any profession or organization.

Pre-Law
The Liberal Education Program, in conjunction with a major program of study, provides opportunities for students to fine-tune the skills needed for law school.

Pre-Med and Pre-Vet
The requirements for pre-med and pre-veterinary programs can be fulfilled in combination with any major. All interested students meet with a pre-med/pre-vet advisor to discuss career planning.

Pre-Physical Therapy
Colby-Sawyer graduates have pursued their master’s and doctorates in physical therapy from a variety of schools including the Athletic Training, Exercise Science, and Biology majors, but students may choose any major and take the suggested prerequisites.
Graduate schools Colby-Sawyer alumni have attended include:

- Adelphi University
- Antioch University
- Arizona State University
- Assumption College
- Barry University
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Bournemouth University (U.K.)
- Brandeis University
- Central Connecticut State University
- Columbia University
- Culinary Institute of America
- Doria Academy (Italy)
- Drew University
- Duke University
- East Carolina University
- Emerson College
- Endicott College
- Fairfield University
- Franklin Pierce University
- Indiana State University
- James Madison University
- Keene State College
- Lesley University
- Lewis and Clark Law School
- Lynchburg College
- Massachusetts College of Art
- Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology
- Middlebury College
- Minnesota State University
- Mount Saint Mary’s College
- New England College
- Northeastern University
- Norwich University
- Ohio University
- Oxford University (U.K.)
- Plymouth State University
- River College
- Russell Sage University
- Rutgers University
- Salem State University
- Simmons College
- Southern New Hampshire University
- Springfield College
- St. Lawrence University
- St. Michael’s College
- St. Peter’s College
- Suffolk University Law School
- SUNY Oswego
- Temple University
- The Citadel University of Charleston
- The College of Saint Rose
- Tufts University
- University of Bridgeport
- University of California, Santa Barbara
- University of Connecticut
- University of Exeter (U.K.)
- University of Illinois
- University of Louisiana
- University of Maine, Orono
- University of Maine, Presque Isle
- University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth
- University of Massachusetts, Lowell
- University of Minnesota
- University of New Hampshire
- University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- University of Northern Colorado
- University of Rhode Island
- University of South Carolina
- University of Vermont Medical School
- Vermont School of Law
- Western Michigan University
- Wheelock College
- Worcester State University