“Carleton College is one of the finest, strongest liberal arts colleges in the United States; its purposes are clearly understood and subscribed to enthusiastically by all constituents . . . its graduates take their place in leadership professions . . . and in national life. The best attainments of liberal arts education are measured by the Carleton experience.”

North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools

“Carleton’s most refreshing characteristic is its genuineness and utter lack of pretension. In our academic endeavors, this sincerity is a major contributor to collaborative learning, and it explains our discomfort with gamesmanship or artifice. Such authenticity also leads to a hunger for unvarnished explanations and real understanding and a glad exuberance in learning for the sake of learning. If you take that kind of exuberance beyond the purely academic realm as we regularly insist on doing at Carleton, you will begin to grasp the purposefully playful, even zany, sense of humor that imbues this college. We carry out our practical jokes, hold silent dance parties on tables in the library, and run in madcap pursuit of busts of German literary giants. By making a point of not taking ourselves too seriously, we show ourselves honestly to friends and colleagues and create community across boundaries that might otherwise divide us.”

President Steven G. Poskanzer
CARLETON ALUMNI

- Total enrollment fall 2014: 2042 (47% men, 53% women)
- Founded: 1866, a private, coeducational, residential liberal arts college
- Geographic distribution of student body: Midwest-40.3%, West-22.7%, East-18.8%, South-7.5%, International-10.3%
- Location: Northfield, Minnesota, population 20,000, 40 miles south of Minneapolis and St. Paul
- 498 Carleton students enterling class this year from outside the United States
- 26% identify themselves as people of color
- 12% are among the first generation of their families to attend college
- 46% are National Merit, 1% a National Achievement Semifinalist, 6% are National Hispanic Recognition Scholars

CARLETON FEATURES

- A student-faculty ratio of 9:1
- An average class size of 17; 70.9% of class sections had under 20 students
- Thirty-three majors and several interdisciplinary programs with more than 1,000 courses offered
- A full-time faculty of 211, 100% of whom hold the most advanced degree offered in their field
- Lecture series that include prominent writers, scientists, artists, philosophers, and politicians; Carleton theater and musical productions, exhibits, and weekly convocation
- Our 91% four-year graduation rate places us in a tie for first among national liberal arts colleges and national universities, U.S. News & World Report
- Member of the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference with 20 NCAA Division III varsity athletic programs, as well as a wide variety of intramural and recreational sports programs
- One of the largest undergraduate libraries in the United States
- A 1,040-acre campus, which includes an 880-acre arboretum
- An 80,000 square foot Recreation Center

FUN FACTS

- Honors & Awards: 9 National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowships, 1 Davis Projects for Peace, 9 Fulbright Fellowships, 1 Watson Fellowship, 2 Minnesota Space Grant Consortium Awards, 5 IMPACT Collaborator Undergraduate Scholar Program, 1 Seydel Fellowship
- Carleton has an incredible worldview. Thanks to an active off-campus studies program, some of the College’s best classrooms are halfway across the world in countries such as India, New Zealand, Tanzania, and Peru. In 2014-15 Carleton students studied on 95 different off-campus programs in 46 countries. Seventy percent of the students in the Class of 2015 participated for academic credit in at least one program during their undergraduate years.

CARLETON ALUMNI

- Approximately 80% of all alumni go on to graduate school (according to the most recent Alumni Survey)
- 21%–25% of alumni go directly to graduate school in the fall after graduation
- 50% of alumni graduates gave to the college in FY 2015

Class of 2019 Highlights

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FINANCIAL AID

- Carleton meets the full financial need of every admitted student for all four years
- 26% of students work on campus, including those not receiving need-based aid
- Carleton students typically graduate with less average loan indebtedness than students graduating from other private institutions in the country

RANK THIS

- #1, Commitment to Undergraduate Teaching, U.S. News & World Report, 2015
- #2, Small Colleges and Universities with the most alumni Peace Corps Volunteers (2014), Peace Corps, 2015
- #2, Liberal Arts College (in contribution to the public good), Washington Monthly, 2015
- #4, College in the Midwest, Forbes, 2015
- #5, in “added value” among four-year colleges, Brookings Institute, 2015
- #5, among U.S. colleges and universities in earned doctorates by alumni per 100 bachelors degrees (2003-2013) (National Science Foundation Survey of Earned Doctorates data) (17.55 per 100 bachelors degrees–behind Caltech, Harvey Mudd, Swarthmore, and Reed)
- #8, Liberal Arts College, U.S. News & World Report, 2015
- #10, Liberal Arts College in mid-career earnings potential, PayScale, 2015
- #11, “Grateful Grad” Index, Forbes, 2015
- PhD Production for baccalaureate institutions according to the National Science Foundation Survey of Earned Doctorates data
  - #2 in academic doctorates, (2003-2012)
  - #1 in the Life Sciences, (2003-2013)
  - #1 in the Geosciences, (2003-2013)
  - #2 in the Physical Sciences, (2003-2013)
  - #3 in Math and Computer Sciences, (2003-2013)
  - #6 in Humanities fields, (2003-2013)
  - #7 in Social Science fields, (2003-2013)

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