

Discover Dickinson!



Dickinson is a premier **four-year residential liberal-arts** institution chartered in **1783**, six days after the signing of the Treaty of Paris, making it the first college established in the newly formed United States of America. Founded by **Dr. Benjamin Rush**, signer of the Declaration of Independence, and named for John Dickinson, “penman of the Revolution” and signer of the U.S. Constitution, Dickinson is widely recognized as a leader in **global education, sustainability initiatives** and **civic engagement**.

Recent Recognition

TOP 10
Fulbright-producing
LIBERAL-ARTS COLLEGE

#1 IN THE NATION
FOR SUSTAINABILITY

No. 1 Overall Top Performer among baccalaureate institutions in the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education’s (AASHE) “Sustainable Campus Index 2018”

TEACH FOR AMERICA
Top Contributor

“BEST COLLEGE VALUE”

by Kiplinger’s

#3 on the list of
TOP 50 GREEN
COLLEGES
The Princeton Review (2019)

LONG-TERM NO. 5
STUDY ABROAD
(Open Doors Report, Institute of International Education)



Academic Offerings & Majors

majors highlighted

Africana Studies

American Studies

Anthropology

Arabic

Archaeology

Army ROTC

Art & Art History

Astronomy

Ballet Certificate Program
With Central Pennsylvania
Youth Ballet (CPYB)

Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

Biology

Business (International
Business & Management)

Chemistry

Chinese

Classical Studies

Community Studies

Computer Science

Creative Writing

Dance & Music

Earth Sciences

East Asian Studies

Economics

Educational Studies

Engineering (3-2)

English

Environmental Science

Environmental Studies

Ethics

Film & Media Studies

First-Year Seminars

Food Studies (certificate)

French & Francophone Studies

German

Global Mosaics

Global Preparedness (Army
ROTC certificate)

Graduate School Agreements

Greek

Health Studies (certificate)

Hebrew

History

Humanities

Interdisciplinary Studies

International Business & Management

International Studies

Internships

Italian

Italian Studies

Japanese

Judaic Studies

Latin

Latin American, Latino & Caribbean Studies

Law (3-3)

Law & Policy

Mathematics

Medieval & Early Modern Studies

Middle East Studies

Military Science

Modern Greek

Music

Neuroscience

Philosophy

Physics

Political Science

Portuguese

Portuguese & Brazilian Studies

Pre-Business Management

Pre-Engineering

Pre-Health

Pre-Law

Psychology

Public Speaking

Quantitative Economics

Religion

Russian

Science, Technology & Culture

Security Studies (certificate)

Social Innovation &
Entrepreneurship
(certificate)

Sociology

Spanish

Sustainability

Theatre Arts

Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies

Writing Program

INSIDER INFO

Your First-Year Seminar professor will be your advisor until you declare a major.





Our diverse and dynamic community changes a bit each year, so the following data provide averages to give you an accurate picture.

Incoming Student Profile

Data presented as three-year averages

APPLICANT HISTORY

Applications received: 6,205

Applicants accepted: 2,846

Enrolled students: 565

ACADEMIC PROFILE

(enrolled students)

Class rank: top 5%, 26% / top 10%, 44% / top 25%, 74% / top 50%, 96%

Mid-50% SAT (M & EBRW) scores:

1250-1390 (M 610-720, EBRW 620-700)

Mid-50% Range of ACT (Composite) scores: 27-31

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

In-state: 22%

Out-of-state: 78%

Foreign countries: 12%

States and territories: 47 plus

District of Columbia

Countries: 42

RACIAL/ETHNIC DISTRIBUTION

White: 64%

Domestic students of color: 22%

African American: 5%

Asian American: 4%

Hispanic American: 9%

Multiethnic: 4%

International: 13%

CITIZENSHIP

Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Cote D'Ivoire, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, India, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Rwanda, South Korea, Spain, Turkey, United Kingdom (Great Britain), Vietnam, Zimbabwe

OTHER CHARACTERISTICS

Male/female ratio: 44%/56%

Received grant or scholarship aid: 76%

Average grant/scholarship
(per academic year): \$35,146

Demonstrated financial need: 67%

MOST POPULAR MAJORS

(in the last three graduating classes)

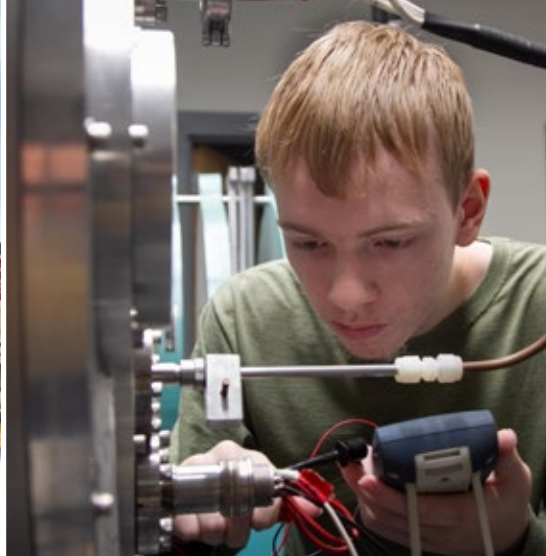
Biochemistry & molecular biology, biology, economics, educational studies, English, history, international business & management, international studies, mathematics, neuroscience, policy management, political science, psychology, sociology, Spanish



INSIDER INFO

70% of the class of 2020 studied off campus in 30 countries on 6 continents, including 57% of science majors and 61% of student athletes.





**INSIDER
INFO**

More than 60% of our students study abroad, which is six times the national average!



Designed for **SUCCESS**

CENTER FOR GLOBAL STUDY & ENGAGEMENT Dickinson offers one of the most respected off-campus study programs in the nation and is ranked in the top five for long-term study abroad by the Institute of International Education. Two-thirds of students study in 41 programs in 24 countries on six continents. Dickinson also is a top institution for foreign-language study, with 13 languages offered, and runs 18 global programs of its own, which offer seamless, faculty-led experiences in 14 countries.

CENTER FOR CIVIC LEARNING & ACTION Benjamin Rush founded Dickinson in 1783 to create a college in which an education in the liberal arts and sciences was connected with useful engagement in the wider world. The center integrates civic learning through Dickinson's academic and residential life programs and encourages community-based teaching and research. It develops opportunities for students to have practical experience working with communities—local, national and international.



CENTER FOR ADVISING, INTERNSHIPS & LIFELONG CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Dickinson has strengthened its emphasis on student success by strategically combining our Career Center, Office of Academic Advising, internship/externship programming and alumni career services into the Center for Advising, Internships & Lifelong Career Development. This approach will ensure a coherent and intentional support system for students that is in place before they set foot on campus as first-year students and extends beyond graduation.

**INSIDER
TIP**

Visit dson.co/majorsteps for seven steps to help you choose your major!

CENTER FOR SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION

Dickinson integrates sustainability into its academics, facilities, operations and campus culture and has received continual recognition from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, Sierra Club, Sustainable Endowments Institute, Princeton Review and Second Nature. Dickinson is also a member of the EcoLeague, which offers semester-exchange options with five other top "green" colleges located in diverse geographic regions across the country.

Center for Advising, Internships & Lifelong Career Development

[Dickinson.edu/AIC](https://dickinson.edu/AIC)

Before first-year students even set foot on campus, the center begins the academic advising and career support process.

98%

**OF DICKINSON GRADS
ARE EMPLOYED,**

completing an **INTERNSHIP**,
attending **GRADUATE SCHOOL**
or pursuing a **FELLOWSHIP**
ONE YEAR AFTER GRADUATION.

Worried about that other 2%?
Don't be—we'll continue to work with
them until they find their fit.

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YEARS OF SUPPORT

We're here
for you. And we
always will be.



**The center's interconnected approach
to advising and networking features
an array of resources:**

- Individualized consultations and workshops
- Networking trips
- Externships
- Summer advising
- One-on-one advising with faculty
- Departmental career liaisons
- Mentoring

Dickinsonians have lifelong access to our alumni network and to the center's professional development services: first jobs and career changes, internships and externships, graduate school and fellowships—we're here to help you achieve your goals.

Our Graduates' Edge Dickinson.edu/alumniinaction

95%

**MEDICAL SCHOOL
ACCEPTANCE RATE**

(compared to the 39% national average, according to the Association of American Medical Colleges)

Dickinson graduates have an edge, one that leads them to launch careers on Wall Street, in Silicon Valley and at locations across the globe. They serve with Teach for America, the Peace Corps and governmental agencies.

94%

**LAW SCHOOL
ACCEPTANCE RATE**

(compared to the 75% national average, according to the Law School Admissions Council)

They embark on bold entrepreneurial ventures that change the world. They live at the tops of their fields, in business, tech, science and medicine, finance, art, education and entertainment. Their successes reflect a significant return on investment in a Dickinson education.

A SAMPLING of the organizations that our alumni are working for or leading:





INSIDER TIP
Dickinson guarantees an internship for every student who wants one.



A sampling of our graduates' success:

INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCES

Alzheimer's Association
Art Institute of Chicago
Audible
Bank of America
Boston University School of Medicine
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
Embassy of Israel
Environmental Protection Agency
Fidelity Investments
Frontline PBS
Girls on the Run
Institute of World Politics
John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
L.L.Bean
Marie Claire
Mayo Clinic
Merck
NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory
NASDAQ
National Baseball Hall of Fame
National Portrait Gallery
New York Jets
Oak Ridge National Laboratory
Princeton Institute for the Science and Technology of Materials
Prudential Financial
Soundcloud
Uber
United Nations
World Health Organization

PROMINENT ALUMNI

A U.S. president, Supreme Court justices, a co-founder of America's oldest weekly magazine (*The Nation*) founded by abolitionists in 1865, second secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, retired chairman and CEO of Wyeth, first editor of *USA Today* and chairman and CEO of Gannett Co. Inc., president and CEO of L.L.Bean, president of the Philadelphia Phillies, agents for professional athletes, Tony and Jeff award winners, Lemelson-MIT Prize and 2013 Linus Pauling Medal Award winner, several U.S. representatives and other elected officials, editor of *The New York Times*' Room for Debate, founder and CEO of one of the fastest-growing natural product companies (Justin's), three elected members of the National Academy of Sciences, member of *Time* magazine's 2006 list of 100 most influential people, president and CEO of GeneOne Life Science, founder of multibillion-dollar software company Epic Systems, three inductees into the inaugural class of the U.S. Army ROTC Hall of Fame, several college presidents and award-winning poets, novelists and photographers.

GRADUATE SCHOOL ACCEPTANCES

Brown University
Columbia University
Cornell University
Duke University
Georgetown University
George Washington University
School of Medicine
Harvard University and Harvard Law School
Johns Hopkins University
London School of Economics
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
New York University
Northwestern University
Oxford University
Penn State College of Medicine
Pratt Institute
Princeton University
Stanford University and Stanford University School of Medicine
University of Bologna
University of California, Los Angeles
University of Maryland School of Medicine
University of Michigan Law School
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
University of Pennsylvania
University of Southern California
Yale University

The Figures

A college education is a significant investment. The lifetime value of the investment and the fit between a student and an institution are key considerations. **We are committed to making a Dickinson education affordable**, ensuring that all students have access to our dedicated faculty, nationally recognized educational opportunities, state-of-the-art facilities, varied co-curricular and extracurricular experiences and so much more.

In fact, all students admitted to the class of 2023 who filed complete, on-time applications had their financial need met—and that’s an annual achievement, not a rarity. In 2018-19, financial support for students added up to \$60.3 million just from Dickinson.

Tuition for 2020–21 is \$56,498. Room and board is \$14,672.

TIMING IS EVERYTHING

Another way we make things easier is that students receive their financial aid packages at the time of acceptance—right there online (or for those who prefer to wait for the mail, in the same envelope). So when students are admitted to Dickinson, they and their family know right away what to expect in terms of aid and scholarships.

Merit Scholarships

As part of our commitment to recognizing superior talent and service, regardless of financial need, all applicants, based upon credentials, are considered for Dickinson’s merit-based scholarships.

Beginning in the fall of 2020, the following four-year merit scholarships will be awarded at the time of admission:

Presidential Scholarship*	\$35,000
Provost Scholarship	\$30,000
1783 Scholarship	\$25,000
John Dickinson Scholarship	\$20,000
Benjamin Rush Scholarship	\$15,000

**A separate application is required to be considered for the Presidential Scholarship.*

For additional information, visit [Dickinson.edu/scholarships](https://www.dickinson.edu/scholarships).

COST CALCULATORS



Dickinson offers two options to help families estimate their personal cost of a Dickinson education—MyinTuition and the Net Price Calculator. Using a simplified version of our normal application and awarding processes, both are designed to give potential applicants an early estimate of their eligibility for need-based financial aid.

[Dickinson.edu/costcalculators](https://www.dickinson.edu/costcalculators)

While each can be a useful tool for college planning, they also have limitations. Carefully read the introductory and explanatory information provided with each calculator.

Detailed information about deadlines, forms, financial aid and more is available at [Dickinson.edu/apply](https://www.dickinson.edu/apply).

The Facts

Enrollment 2,200 full-time degree-seeking students representing 42 states and territories plus the District of Columbia and 46 foreign countries; 22% domestic students of color and 13% international.

Academic Features 45 majors plus minors and certificate programs, independent research, internships, externships and Army ROTC.

Degrees Granted Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science

Student-Faculty Ratio 8:1

Average Class Size 14

Extracurriculars More than 120 student-run clubs and activities, including music and drama, publications, fraternities and sororities and religious, political, special-interest and community-service organizations.

Athletics Dickinson is a member of the Centennial Conference (NCAA Division III), with 25 varsity teams. To date, 230+ student-athletes have been named All-American.

Campus, Facilities & Services

Our 350-acre campus includes six LEED-gold-certified buildings (plus a LEED-platinum residence hall and a commitment to pursuing LEED certification for all new projects), traditional and special-interest housing options and new state-of-the-art science, athletics and research facilities and a certified-organic College Farm. Dining options include gluten-free, kosher, organic, vegan, vegetarian and local fruits and vegetables from our farm.

Carlisle, Pa. Dickinson is in Carlisle, named a “most livable city” by *Forbes* and located minutes from the state capital of Harrisburg. The campus is connected to a vibrant downtown that offers eclectic dining, shopping and entertainment options. Carlisle is a two-hour drive from Baltimore, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., and three hours from New York City.

Admissions Applicants are expected to have pursued a college-preparatory course of study, including substantial sequences in math, foreign languages and science. Interviews and campus visits are strongly recommended. Our acceptance rate is 40%.

Partnerships Sharing its Carlisle location with other educational institutions, Dickinson has partnerships with the U.S. Army War College and Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute and the world-renowned Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet. In addition, top business, law, engineering and medical schools offer programs to accelerate admission for Dickinson graduates or give graduates credit for undergraduate courses. Agreements are in place with RPI, Columbia University and Johns Hopkins University Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, among others.

Awards Dickinson is a leading producer of Fulbright scholars and Peace Corps volunteers. Prestigious awards for postgraduate study include Rhodes, Udall, Goldwater, George J. Mitchell, Rotary Ambassadorial, Carnegie Junior Fellowship and Kathryn Wasserman Davis Projects for Peace.

INSIDER TIP

Click here to check out [Dickinson.edu/virtualvisits](https://www.dickinson.edu/virtualvisits) for all the ways you can explore and connect with Dickinson from anywhere.



Revolutionary since 1783.

Admissions & Aid Deadlines

Nov. 15	EARLY DECISION I (ED I)
Jan. 15	EARLY DECISION II (ED II)
Jan. 15	REGULAR DECISION

Why Apply Early Decision?

Applying **EARLY DECISION** is recommended for students who, through careful reflection and research, have identified Dickinson as their first choice. If this is you, consider applying by **Nov. 15** for Early Decision I or **Jan. 15** for Early Decision II.

What's in it for you? You'll be evaluated among a smaller pool of applicants, and you'll learn earlier in your college planning whether you have been admitted to Dickinson. For more about Early Decision, including myths, tips and student perspectives, visit [Dickinson.edu/earlydecision](https://dickinson.edu/earlydecision).

Dickinson

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SUSTAINABLE.
ENGAGED.

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FIRST-YEAR APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- A completed Common Application with nonrefundable \$65 fee (or fee waiver).
- Official secondary school transcript(s) listing all courses and grades, including senior year grades as soon as available.
- Counselor recommendation.
- Academic teacher recommendations (one required, two recommended).
- SAT 1 or ACT test results (submission is optional for all applicants; must be indicated on Common Application). Self-reported scores will be accepted with official score reports submitted after enrollment.
- Early Decision candidates must submit a signed Early Decision Agreement Form.
- Applicants for federal and state aid must file the FAFSA (available at www.fafsa.ed.gov) by the selected admission application deadline. Those who wish to be considered for Dickinson's need-based grant aid also must complete the CSS PROFILE (available at profileonline.collegeboard.org) by the same deadline. To be considered for all need-based aid available from Dickinson, BOTH forms need to be completed using information from the previous year's federal tax forms.
- If you plan to apply for need-based financial aid, please note that all information must be submitted by the selected deadline for an admission decision to be released.
- All international students must submit the Certification of Finances. Those applying for need-based aid must complete either the International Student Financial Aid Application (ISFAA) or CSS PROFILE (if applicable). Learn more at [Dickinson.edu/internationaladmissions](https://dickinson.edu/internationaladmissions).
- Students who wish to submit supplementary music, art, dance or theatre materials (optional) must do so through SlideRoom as part of the Common Application.