explore, connect, create

Middlebury College
MiddView 2013

Getting Ready for Your Arrival

go.middlebury.edu/orientation
pre-arrival checklist

An online version of this checklist can be found at go.middlebury.edu/orientation.
Please keep an eye out for any updates we make throughout the summer.

☐ Middlebury College E-mail Account
   Step One: go.middlebury.edu/activate to set up your password. You need your college ID number and your BannerWeb PIN to run this program.
   Step Two: go.middlebury.edu/webmail to login to your e-mail account
   SUBMIT: right now!

☐ Self-Service Banner Forms
   • Log into go.middlebury.edu/ssb and fill in required information
   SUBMIT: the first time you log into Self-Service Banner you will be asked to provide some personal information; please take the time to answer these questions thoroughly when you log in

☐ Trips Registration Form
   • Submit information via the online form
   SUBMIT: by June 1

☐ First-Year Seminar Registration (for first-year students only)
   • Specific registration information will be included in a June mailing.
   • Register via Self Service Banner.
   SUBMIT: anytime between June 13 at 9:00 A.M. through June 20 at 5:00 P.M.

☐ Housing Contract and Roommate Questionnaire
   • Submit the contract by logging into go.middlebury.edu/ssb and filling in the required information
   • Submit the questionnaire by logging into Self-Service Banner and clicking on personal information; use the Housing Information link once all pre-forms have been submitted
   SUBMIT: Questionnaire by June 21 for first years and August 1 for transfer and exchange students

☐ Health Forms
   • Step One: go to go.middlebury.edu/healthforms
   • Step Two: print and complete the forms; return them via mail
   SUBMIT: by July 1

☐ ID Photo Submission
   • Submit online at go.middlebury.edu/idphotos
   SUBMIT: between July 9 and August 23

☐ Special Needs Identification Form
   • Submit information via the online form or contact Student Accessibility for an alternative format
   SUBMIT: by July 15

☐ Online Placement Exams
   • The placement exam chart will be posted on the website in June
   SUBMIT: sometime between August 1 and September 3; ideally the exams should be taken in advance of your arrival on campus

☐ Parking Permit Registration
   • Go to Banner Web to pre-register your vehicle
   • Go to the Public Safety Store Front to pay for your permit via credit card
   SUBMIT: between August 1 and August 26

☐ MyStudentBody Modules on Alcohol, Drugs, and Sexual Violence
   • Watch for an e-mail sent to your Middlebury account in late July
   SUBMIT: between August 5 and August 30

☐ Fall Tuition Payment
   • Notification will be sent via e-mail to your Middlebury account; access via QuickPay
   SUBMIT: by August 15

☐ Insurance Waiver/Enrollment Forms
   • Log onto www.gallagherkoster.com/Middlebury and carefully read the instructions on the site
   SUBMIT: by August 15
June 2013

Dear New Student:

With this packet of information now in your hands, you might be feeling any number of things: relief, excitement, anxiety, curiosity, or sheer awe that we have thought of so much that we must tell you at this very moment! There is a great deal to savor in this single mailing, and I urge you to do just that: take your time reading through the different pieces included here. There are deadlines to meet, so it’s important for you to study these; they are printed on the inside front cover for your easy reference. But in terms of acquainting yourself with certain aspects of Middlebury’s academic, residential, and social cultures, you should feel encouraged to read and return to these materials in a leisurely fashion. For any questions that arise, you may always contact a member of the MiddView team at orientation@middlebury.edu or 802.443.3103.

The theme for MiddView is Explore-Connect-Create. The MiddView Planning Team is developing a week of engaging programming linked to this theme, and you are likely to see these ideas woven into offerings throughout the 2013–2014 academic year. Before your arrival, however, I ask that you spend a little time reflecting on what these three words signify for you. What are some of the different ways we might think about Exploring, Connecting, and Creating…as individuals, and as an academic community? The faculty, staff, and students at Middlebury take very seriously the challenges and rewards of living and working together in a close-knit community, so it is important for you to give careful thought to what your role will be as you become part of this special place.

Looking ahead, you and your family members will continue to receive mail and e-mail updates throughout the summer. Information will be sent to families later this month, the MiddView schedule will be posted on the MiddView website (go.middlebury.edu/orientation) once most events have been confirmed, and in August you will find out your housing/Commons assignment and for first-year students, we will let you know your First-Year Seminar placement. In the interim, feel free to contact us with questions; we are here to help. On behalf of my faculty and staff colleagues at Middlebury, I wish you a restful summer, and we look forward to meeting you when you arrive in September.

Warmly,

JJ Boggs
Associate Dean of Students for
Student Activities and Orientation
I am honored to be a member of the team that will welcome you to campus this fall! It somehow seems fitting that I, as a graduating senior, should be writing to you as you approach the beginning of your time at Middlebury. Four years ago I was invited to become a member of this community and since then I have come to think of Middlebury as my home. At the risk of sounding too much like a fortune cookie (something that is difficult to avoid in these nostalgia-ridden times), I offer you the following: The relationships you build with your fellow students, especially in your first year, will provide the foundation for your personal exploration and growth for years to come. MiddView represents the first step in this process. I met many of the most interesting people I’ve ever known (some of whom are now the best friends I’ve ever had) during my own MiddView. That is not to say that this one week will define your entire Middlebury experience. Rather, MiddView is your first opportunity to jump in and immerse yourself in a community that we hope will feel like home to you four years from now. Rest assured that the Orientation team and I are determined to help you get your Middlebury career off on the right foot!

Hello new Middlebury College students. I am excited to be part of the team that will support you through your transition to this wonderful school! As far as Orientation goes, I have had the unique opportunity to participate in three Orientations before this one. I came to Middlebury as a Feb, meaning my Orientation took place during Vermont’s cold winter, so my Orientation had a very different feel. Then I came back and got to experience two fall Orientations as a residential life staff member. Although I had a slightly different experience, I know from watching many new students go through this, that the best thing to do is be yourself and realize that everyone else is feeling the same emotions as you. Also know that your MiddView leaders and the residential life staff are always there to give a helping hand. MiddView is a time to orient you and help you navigate this transition to college. I can’t wait to help you discover Middlebury, your home for the next four years!

My name is Emily and I am a rising senior American Studies major. I am so excited to return to our beautiful Vermont campus after a year away studying in Amsterdam to prepare for an unforgettable MiddView 2013! This one-week orientation—filled with new faces, new experiences and new connections—is only a short introduction to a four-year journey that is sure to change your life. The journey is one in which each student will have the opportunity to explore what stimulates and drives you, what gets you excited, all in the highly supportive, inspiring, and dynamic community that Middlebury preserves. Transferring to Middlebury my sophomore year was one of the best decisions I’ve made. I have been able to indulge diverse academic interests, my love of the outdoors, and opportunities to explore my future goals and aspirations. I look forward to all that MiddView has in store and can’t wait to introduce you all to your new home!
Dear Middkids,

Congratulations! In a few short months, you will begin one of the most exciting chapters of your lives: college. During this time, be ready to experience new things and new people, shake up your point of view, and explore the vast array of opportunities that stand before you. MiddView will provide a first peek at the world of opportunities the Middlebury community holds, where diverse students can find their own niche and where you can discover what gets you excited!

If you’re nervous or anxious about your Middlebury experience, know that we, your MiddView Interns, once felt just as uncertain and curious as you do now! Our job is to ease those nerves during your first week on campus and get you excited for all there is to come. We hope MiddView will provide a welcoming, grounding and fun introduction to your new life at Midd, and your new home.

Rest assured that we and the rest of the MiddView team will be here to answer any questions you may have, provide support, and get you ready for this amazing journey you’re about to embark upon. The online materials, MiddView website, and the Orientation Facebook page will provide you with answers to questions you may have throughout the summer. Of course, if you have any additional concerns, please always feel free to contact us via:

Phone: 802.443.3103
E-mail: orientation@middlebury.edu
MiddView Website: go.middlebury.edu/orientation
Facebook: www.facebook.com/MiddOrientation

Congratulations on becoming a MiddKid, and we’ll be in touch!
All the best from your Orientation Guides,
Angela, Kristen, and Emily

Jack Peisch

I have always been a huge outdoor enthusiast and now I am really excited to channel my love for the outdoors into planning great wilderness exploration trips for incoming students. Getting outdoors and exploring with my friends has been a huge part of my experience at Middlebury and so I am really happy that all new students will have this kind of meaningful experience with their peers right before school starts. My Orientation experience was fantastic, and I am looking forward to making MiddView 2013 even better!

Rod Abhari

If I could offer you one piece of advice, it would be to take full advantage of the explosion of activity that occurs during Orientation, even if this means being pushed outside of your comfort zone. One of my most cherished memories is choosing to tell an embarrassing story in front of a bunch of other freshmen at The Moth, a live storytelling event held throughout the year. I can’t remember how the performance went, but I can say that it made my Orientation experience all the more meaningful. As a Vermont exploration or community outreach trips participant, you may find yourself in situations that challenge your worldview. Embrace these moments, and your MiddView experience will be an unforgettable one.
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MiddView is an extensive seven-day program that focuses on academics, tradition, and community. Through meetings with academic advisors, participation in traditional ceremonies and events, and engaging in community building activities, you will learn the values of scholarship and community living and have the opportunity to connect with hundreds of your classmates.

Over the course of the week, you will explore the many facets of Middlebury College. Many of Middlebury’s student services offices will be available so that you and your family can learn about their programs and meet their staff members. The Technology Helpdesk and the Center for Teaching, Learning, and Research are housed in the Davis Family Library, so you may visit these offices and familiarize yourself with their services at any time. There will also be time set aside for students to discover the town of Middlebury and the cultural landscape of Vermont. There is public transportation from campus to local shops around the Middlebury area; bus schedules will be available during Orientation.

Your first stop will be your new home at Middlebury—your Commons. Expect a warm and enthusiastic reception from the residential life staff as you arrive! The Commons Team will be on hand to help you move into your room and begin the process of getting to know the College.

Later in the week, all new students will have the opportunity to participate in our Orientation trips. The trips are a 25-year tradition at Middlebury and offer a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to begin your college experience with a small group of classmates and student leaders! After spending 4 days on campus, all students will depart on a MiddView Trip. MiddView Trips are organized into three categories: Community Engagement, Vermont Exploration and Wilderness Exploration. The common thread among all the trips is the small group experience in which participants have the opportunity to connect with peers and learn about the Middlebury College experience from those who know most about it: student leaders. No previous experience is necessary for any MiddView trip. We encourage you to choose a trip that will introduce you to something new. The trips are designed to provide opportunities for you to (a) connect with your new classmates and returning student leaders for support in the transition to Middlebury; (b) develop a richer sense of place and get to know your new “home away from home;” and (c) reflect on who you want to be and what you hope to accomplish in this, your first year at Middlebury. Check out go.middlebury.edu/orientation for more information about the trips.

A complete schedule will be available later in the summer on our Web page—go.middlebury.edu/orientation.
Arrival Day
All new students may arrive on campus on the first day of Orientation: Monday, September 2. Commons Welcome Centers will be open from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Students and their families may arrive any time between these hours and should plan to make their Commons their first stop on campus. Moving onto campus earlier is not permitted.

International Students
go.middlebury.edu/iss
International students are invited to arrive on Friday, August 30 to participate in Early Arrival. Detailed information about this program was sent to you in an earlier mailing and is available on the International Students and Scholars Services (ISSS) Web page: go.middlebury.edu/iss.

Preseason Athletes
go.middlebury.edu/athletics
Students who have been invited to participate in preseason practices for a fall sport should contact their coach directly to learn about arrival details.

Lodging for Families on Move-in Day
For information about local accommodations for family members, please visit go.middlebury.edu/lodging

A limited number of rooms will be available at a nominal charge at Middlebury’s Bread Loaf Campus. Look for details at go.middlebury.edu/orientation in the Family Resources section.

There will be activities for parents and family members on Monday evening and Tuesday morning.

Traveling to Campus
go.middlebury.edu/directions

By Car
The following are general driving directions to campus. Approaching campus there will be signs directing you to the Commons Welcome Centers.

- From Burlington International Airport (approx. 1 hour): Exit left from the airport parking area and follow signs to I-189. From I-189, take Rt. 7S to the town of Middlebury. Look for a large white church on your right, turn right following signs to Route 125W and proceed to the campus.

- From Montreal (approx. 2.5 hours): Canadian Rt. 133S to U.S. Interstate 89S to I-189S (in Burlington) to Rt. 7S to the town of Middlebury. Refer to the directions from the Burlington International Airport for specific directions from Route 7S.

- From Boston (approx. 4 hours): For places inside Route 128 (including the airport, the South Shore, and Cape Cod), take 93N to 89N to 107W to 100N to 125W. At Rt. 7N, turn right and proceed to the center of town. At the Middlebury Inn, follow signs for Route 125W.

- From New York City via Albany (approx. 5 hours; Albany is 2.5 hours away): I-87N Exit 20 to 149E to 4E to 30N. As you pass the College athletic facilities, look for signs directing you to the Commons Welcome Centers.

- From Route 7, from the south: After driving through Brandon, Salisbury, and East Middlebury, continue on Route 7 to Middlebury. Follow signs to Route 125W.

By Air
www.burlingtonintairport.com
For students flying to Vermont, the closest airport to Middlebury is Burlington International Airport (BTV). Please note that public transportation options are limited. Car rentals are available at the airport.
Moving In
To help with move-in and to take care of administrative tasks as quickly as possible, most of the important move-in processes have been clustered in Commons Welcome Centers, which will be open from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. on Monday, September 2. This is the first stop on campus.

At your Commons Welcome Center, you will:

• Be greeted by your Commons residential life staff!
• Find members of the Commons Teams available to help you transport belongings to your room, offer directions to the nearest parking lot, and help you with logistics.
• Receive helpful information including a complete schedule for the six days of Orientation, your class registration materials, and other important documents.
• Get your MiddCard. **Please submit your ID photo before you arrive, so that your card will be waiting for you.**
• Sign out the key to your room.

Shipping Baggage/Boxes/Equipment to Campus
New students shipping large items to the College for arrival between **August 19 and September 13** should use the following address:

Student Full Name (no nicknames, please)
c/o (mailbox number if available) Middlebury College Service Building Warehouse
84 South Service Road
Middlebury, VT 05753

Packages may be retrieved upon arrival on campus at the Service Building Warehouse, which is located behind the McCullough Student Center. The Warehouse will be open on Monday, September 2 from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., and during more limited hours Tuesday through Friday. Students who are arriving early for pre-season athletic practice or Early Arrival will receive separate information about when and how to retrieve their packages. When picking up packages, please bring your student ID and package slip to expedite this process.
Formally, the Commons is the way the College structures campus and residential life. It is a unique living-learning system, weaving the academic, social, and residential components of college life into an integrated community experience. Through the Commons, students enjoy the freedom to govern their own intellectual, cultural, and social development within a structure of support from faculty, staff, and returning students.

Informally, it is your home here at Middlebury.

Each Commons—Atwater, Brainerd, Cook, Ross, and Wonnacott—is named after an important figure in Middlebury’s history. A Commons is a cluster of proximate residence halls and houses, and each Commons includes more than 400 students. Students are assigned to a Commons when they enroll, and they remain a member of that Commons through their four years—living in Commons housing as both a first year and a sophomore. Juniors and seniors may elect to live anywhere on campus, but they keep their ties to their original Commons. On campus this is called the 4/2 system.

The Commons Team
Each of the five Commons is led by a team of faculty and staff dedicated to partnering with students to shape an environment that challenges assumptions, engages imaginations, and broadens horizons. These teams consist of one or two Commons Heads, a Commons Dean, a Commons Coordinator, a Commons Residential Advisor (CRA), and student residential staff including First-Year Counselors (FYC), Residential Assistants (RA), and Community Assistants (CA). The Commons offices are centrally located in or near the residence halls and are easily accessible to students.

Just as Middlebury has its own unique campus culture, each Commons has its own style and traditions. During MiddView there will be several opportunities to learn more about the special features and customs of each Commons, both from the Commons teams and from FYCs and RAs. In events throughout MiddView, and in the weeks that follow, students will have many opportunities to connect with Commons teams, and to engage in conversations with residential life staff about living at Middlebury. These interactions will help students to get a feel for Middlebury’s residential culture, our codes of conduct, wellness issues and opportunities, and more.

Residential Living
go.middlebury.edu/newstudenthousing

Deadline for Roommate Questionnaire and Housing Agreement Form for first-year students is June 21 and for transfer and exchange students is August 1

All incoming students must complete a Housing Contract in order to receive a campus room assignment. Students are also required to complete a Roommate Questionnaire to assist us in matching roommates; new students who do not complete a questionnaire will still be assigned a bed within their Commons community. Both forms must be completed online through the Housing information web page. Fall-term housing and roommate assignments will be completed in early August. Students will be notified through their Middlebury e-mail account when this information is available, and how to access it.
Middlebury Culture

One of the most challenging aspects of arriving at college is trying to learn and understand the values, patterns, and “norms” of a diverse, complex and vigorous academic and residential community. Although some of this information is articulated clearly in campus policies, which can be found in the College Handbook online (go.middlebury.edu/handbook), there are many other aspects of Middlebury’s culture that can best be understood through conversations with faculty, staff, and returning students, and through direct experience. We have created many formal and informal opportunities for you to get a feel for our campus values and norms through discussion, trips and programs led by returning students, and other events reflecting the broader goals that guide our community.

The majority of the Class of 2017 will be housed in Allen Hall (Atwater Commons), Battell Hall (Cook and Wonnacott Commons), Stewart Hall (Brainerd Commons), and Hadley Hall (Ross Commons). Transfer and exchange students live throughout the campus residence halls.

All of the residence halls on campus are coeducational, housing both male and female students together in one building. There are both single sex and coeducational corridors in our first-year residence halls. Coeducational halls have men and women living in separate rooms side by side. Most housing spaces for first-year students are double occupancy rooms, although some students will be housed in singles or occasionally triples. Transfer and exchange students are assigned a wide variety of different housing situations.

The Housing Questionnaire asks students to indicate their interests, habits, and potential needs. Please answer it thoughtfully, honestly, and accurately to assist in making a clear assessment. Fill out the questionnaire without suggestions or input from friends or family members. Experience has shown that questionnaires completed solely by the incoming student result in better matches.

Buying Items for College

There are a number of items that can make your time at Middlebury more comfortable. The business community of Addison County, in which Middlebury College resides, works hard to meet the needs of college students by providing many of those items locally, and by special-ordering those products that are not sold locally when possible. By purchasing products from Middlebury businesses, you contribute to a thriving local economy, support the strong relationship between the College and the community, and reduce the need to pack, ship and transport excess items.

To learn more about shopping for useful items in the town of Middlebury, visit this Web page: www.middkid.com.

Your Room: What You Need

Specific information about housing guidelines is available on the Housing Web page, but here are some rules that typically apply each year:

Double rooms are typically 20 feet by 12 feet. We will provide an extra-long twin bed (36” x 80”), closet, desk, desk chair, bookshelf, waste basket, recycling basket, and dresser for each person. All of our mattresses are extra-long, 80-inch, twin mattresses. Here is a list of other items that you may want to bring:

• Study lamp and/or floor lamp with light bulbs—CFL light bulbs use about 75% less electricity than incandescents, so choosing CFLs will help you do your part to assist Middlebury in achieving carbon neutrality by 2016! Every little bit counts!
• Hangers—keep in mind most people have tons of extra hangers lying around, so ask family and friends before you buy new ones
• Power strips (instead of extension cords) with surge protection—chargers and most electronics—TV’s, gaming systems, microwaves, etc—use electricity even when they’re off, so be sure to get a power strip that can be turned off to cut the power to those items when they’re not in use; you can also get a “SmartStrip” that has a master outlet that will automatically cut power to the other outlets when the control item (like a computer) is turned off
• Sheets and mattress pad
• Small area rug or carpet remnant up to 16 x 10 feet in size
• Blankets, pillows, and towels
• Posters and other decorations that can be affixed to the wall without using nails

Your Room: What You Don’t Need
The items listed below are not allowed:
• Halogen lights
• Christmas lights (rope lights encased in a tube are permitted)
• Floor lamps requiring multiple bulbs
• Candles, incense, and any devices that create open flames
• Electrical appliances with exposed heating elements (toasters, heaters, and hot plates)

Health and Wellness
Students in their first year of college are at particularly high risk for alcohol abuse, which can result in compromised health and safety, disciplinary outcomes, academic difficulties, and in severe cases, suspension from the College.

As part of an alcohol, drug, and sexual violence prevention program, Middlebury College expects each member of the incoming class to complete MyStudentBody—an online, objective program for college students.

The course will be available for access in early August. You will be expected to complete Part 1 of the course by August 30. Approximately 6 weeks after you complete Part 1, you will receive an e-mail asking you to complete Part 2. The deadline to complete Part 2 will be in late October. We expect all first-year students to complete the entire course.

To take MyStudent Body in August, you will need a computer with internet access and audio capabilities as well as your Middlebury College ID number. Instructions for activating your account and accessing your middlebury.edu e-mail account are posted on the MiddView website. An e-mail about the course will be sent to you in late July.

Sustainability
Sustainability is an important part of how we live, learn, and play at Middlebury. Initiatives, such as the College’s goal of carbon neutrality by 2016 and the existence of more than ten student groups on campus working on various aspects of sustainability, exemplify the commitment of both the student body and the administration to sustainability. Through small actions from recycling to conserving energy, Middlebury students demonstrate what it means to be responsible citizens of the campus and global communities.

As new students, you have a particularly exciting role to play in helping achieve carbon neutrality during your time on campus. Each Commons has Campus Sustainability Coordinators who will be on hand to help you learn and practice sustainable living habits and to host fun events to encourage others to join the effort.

You have another resource in the part of the Franklin Environmental Center at Hillcrest. It develops, implements and supports sustainability initiatives, striving to simultaneously achieve environmental, social and economic goals. Check out the sustainability website at www.middlebury.edu/sustainability to learn about sustainability news and initiatives on campus and to pick up some tips about how to go green on campus!
what to expect

Automobiles
go.middlebury.edu/parking

Fall registration available through BannerWeb between August 1 and August 26

Although students are allowed to have a vehicle on campus, we discourage them due to a limited number of parking spaces and our movement towards implementing a Pedestrian Campus Initiative. Student vehicles must be registered with the Department of Public Safety and there is a $50 per semester registration fee. Vehicle registration must be completed via BannerWeb and paid for via the online storefront go.middlebury.edu/publicsafety prior to August 26. Rules, registrations, and parking maps are available online and will be updated for the 2013–2014 academic year by the start of MiddView.

Banks
You will be able to open an account at a local bank within the first days you are on campus. There are several banks in town:

- **Citizens Bank**: 36 Middle Road / Route 7; 802.388.6791; www.citizensbank.com
- **KeyBank**: 47 Creek Road; 802.388.4031; www.key.com
- **National Bank of Middlebury**: 30 Main Street; 802.388.4982; www.nationalbankmiddlebury.com (has two ATMs on campus)
- **People’s United Bank**: 114 South Village Green / Route 7; 802.388.6316; www.peoplesunitedbank.com

Bookstore
**go.middlebury.edu/store**
Located in Proctor Hall, the bookstore is owned and operated by Middlebury College. We have the required course materials, school and room supplies, Midd clothing and gift items. Bed Bath and Beyond is partnering with the College Bookstore with a pop-up store adjacent to the bookstore during the week of MiddView. The College Bookstore is also a certified Apple reseller with a wide selection of computers, laptops and accessories.

Computers
**go.middlebury.edu/helpdesk**

Dining
**go.middlebury.edu/dining**
Middlebury provides students with breakfast, lunch and dinner seven days a week. Students may choose to eat in the dining room of their choice and enjoy unlimited seconds at all meals. There is currently no restriction on the number of times a student may enter a dining room during a meal period. Diners can re-enter a dining room for ice cream half an hour after eating, or they can actually eat a meal in one location and have coffee and dessert with friends in another. Meals are generally available continuously from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and from 4:00–8:00 p.m.

Bicycles
**go.middlebury.edu/bicycles**
Students, faculty and staff who use bicycles on campus are required to register their bicycles at the Department of Public Safety. The owner completes registration online and then is issued a Middlebury College decal with a license number on it. The owner then affixes this decal to the bicycle under the seat post. Decals can be obtained either at the Public Safety Office or at the student-run Bike Shop. For more information and to register your bike, visit go.middlebury.edu/bicycles.
In addition to the dining halls, Middlebury College also has a variety of other a la carte dining options that are available on campus such as the Grille and MiddXpress convenience store in the McCullough Student Center; 51 Main at the Bridge—our downtown café; Wilson Café at the Davis Family Library; and snackbars at the Golf Course and Snow Bowl. Students may also choose to visit our student-run enterprises—The Gamut Room and Crossroads Café.

**Dress**
Campus attire is mostly informal, but students dress up on occasion. Generally, students wear jeans, collared shirts, T-shirts, sweathshirts, sweaters, and casual pants or skirts. Although late spring and early fall can be quite warm, December through March may bring extremely cold days. A very warm coat, a hat, a scarf, mittens, warm socks, warm waterproof boots, sweaters, and several pairs of thermal underwear tops and pants are recommended. You may buy these items locally. College life also includes many opportunities to wear costumes and/or traditional cultural clothing, so feel free to bring some of your favorites.

**Family Orientation Information**
Information about Family Orientation programming, local lodging, and other details is available on our website at go.middlebury.edu/familyresources.

**Kitchens and Cooking**
All residence halls have kitchens where you may cook. Each has a public refrigerator, but many students choose to bring their own small refrigerators. The 24-by-24-by-24-inch size is permitted in rooms. You may also bring a small microwave. Appliances with exposed heating elements, such as toasters, hot plates, and electric burners, are fire hazards and are prohibited in student rooms. You will receive information about renting refrigerator/microwave units later in the summer.
MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE E-MAIL

Your Middlebury e-mail account is ready for you! You can begin using it immediately.

Your College ID and BannerWeb PIN are needed to activate your account using the link below. This information was e-mailed to you in early May.

Step One: Use go.middlebury.edu/activate to set up your password
Step Two: Use go.middlebury.edu/webmail to login

If you have any questions, you can contact us at orientation@middlebury.edu.

Middlebury College Student E-mail Policy

E-mail is considered an official method for communicating with students at Middlebury College. Official e-mail communications are intended to meet the academic and administrative needs of the campus community. The College expects that such communications, many of which are time-critical, will be received and read in a timely fashion. To enable this process, the College ensures that all students are issued a standardized college e-mail account through their academic years at Middlebury College. Students who choose to forward e-mail from their College e-mail accounts are responsible for ensuring that all information, including attachments, is transmitted in its entirety to the preferred account.

Other Helpful Information...
Your Middlebury e-mail address is in this format: username@middlebury.edu.

Middlebury’s WebMail can be used with most browsers.

Questions? Contact our Technology HelpDesk at 802.443.2200 or send e-mail to: helpdesk@middlebury.edu.

Are you shopping for a new computer? Review purchasing suggestions at go.middlebury.edu/purchase; contact helpdesk@middlebury.edu or call 802.443.2200 with questions.
Laundry

The College offers laundry facilities in Forest, Hadley, LaForce, Kelly, Coffrin, Atwater, Gifford, Munford, Painter, Brackett, Hepburn, Brooker, Palmer, Prescott, and Stewart. Most students use the College laundry rooms, but others opt for Middlebury’s student-run laundry service. For more information about this service, please refer to the following Web page—www.middleburywashandcarry.com.

Medical Insurance

Middlebury College requires all students to have medical insurance. The deadline for submitting insurance waiver/enrollment forms is August 15. For information on the program we offer, please go to www.gallagherkoster.com/Middlebury.

Pets

Only approved support animals for people with disabilities, such as seeing-eye dogs, and small animals (e.g., fish and hamsters) kept in appropriate aquariums or small cages at all times are permitted in the residence halls. Snakes and ferrets, even if caged, are not allowed in residence halls at any time.

Property Insurance

The College’s insurance does not cover students’ personal items if they are stolen. We strongly advise you to discuss this with your family’s insurance agent. Unfortunately, theft does occur at Middlebury, and because students may bring expensive equipment to campus, adequate insurance is important.

Room Keys

Room keys will be issued at the Commons Welcome Centers on September 2. You will pick up your key when you check in, between 9:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. If you arrive after 2:00 P.M., you may obtain your key at the Public Safety office in Harnest House. Some rooms require key code access. Codes will be available in BannerWeb on September 2.

Mail

Your mailbox number will be available through the Middlebury Web page along with your housing assignment in August. Your mailbox combination is available on BannerWeb. After you put in your ID number and PIN, click on “personal info” and the combination will appear. Instructions for opening your mailbox are posted above the mailboxes. Unless you leave campus for a semester (not including January term), this mailbox will remain yours throughout your Middlebury career. The Mail Room is located on the lower level in the McCullough Student Center and will be open Monday–Friday from 9:00 AM–4:00 PM during MiddView. Your address for receiving mail and packages is:

Name
Box #
Middlebury College
14 Old Chapel Road
Middlebury, VT 05753

Identification Card (MiddCard)

All students are issued Middlebury College photo identification cards (MiddCards) during Orientation. This card provides access to campus buildings after hours and to your residence hall at all times. Student photographs must be submitted prior to arrival so your MiddCard can be included in the arrival packet at your Commons Welcome Center. Please upload a digital photograph of yourself in “jpeg” format suitable for a 4x6” self portrait. View additional requirements and submit your photograph by visiting go.middlebury.edu/idphotos. We reserve the right to return any inappropriate photographs.
Telephones and Cell Phones

Telephones are provided in all residence halls. These telephones are located in common areas and hallways. In smaller houses there is one courtesy phone in a common area. These phones may be used for emergency calls to 911 or Public Safety x5911, calls to on-campus locations and to make local and toll-free calls. Long-distance calling requires a calling card.

In-room Telephone Service—Academic Year Only: Residential hall rooms do not have telephone service. However, if you desire a telephone land line in your room, you may request service that includes a voice mailbox through the Personal Information link in BannerWeb. There is a $50 installation fee per academic year. You can expect service within approximately two weeks of your request. You will need to provide your own telephone.

In-room Telephone Service—Summer: There is no room telephone service available in the summer.

Cellular Telephone Service: Cellular reception is excellent in Middlebury and in the corridor from Rutland to Burlington. Currently, there is no cell reception at the Bread Loaf campus or the Snow Bowl.

End of Semester Travel

If you want to arrange your travel plans now, you must depart by noon on Monday, December 16, 2013, which is the day after the last final exam of the fall 2013 semester. In the spring, the day after the last exam is Wednesday, May 21, 2014. Students who remain on campus past these deadlines without approval will be charged $400 per day. As you prepare to come to Middlebury, you may be making travel arrangements that include a trip home at the end of the fall or spring semesters. We do not approve requests for exam changes or late departures to conform to previously arranged travel plans.

SGA Break Buses

go.middlebury.edu/boxoffice

The Student Government Association (SGA) provides reduced-cost transportation options during each College break. Motorcoach transportation is provided to White Plains, New York City, Boston and the Burlington International Airport. Students can expect to receive updated information from the SGA throughout the year regarding Break Bus schedules and availability.

Vacation Periods

go.middlebury.edu/calendars

During the fall term, there are breaks in October, November, and December. Students may register to remain on campus during the October and November breaks, although Dining Services closes for some portion of the November (Thanksgiving) break. The College closes completely during the December break, and dining halls are closed as well. During the February and March breaks, students may register to stay on campus and eat in the dining halls.

Working on Campus

go.middlebury.edu/seo

Middlebury offers a wide range of paid temporary and year-long campus positions, and many students choose to work in town as well. Certain forms of identification are required to complete the necessary employment forms: a student must show a passport, social security card, and/or birth certificate. These must be the original documents—no photocopies can be accepted—so it’s a good idea to bring them with you to Middlebury. Information for finding an on-campus job and the related hiring procedures can be found on the Student Employment office Web page.
Common Reading
Included in this packet is a copy of Dinaw Mengestu’s novel, The Beautiful Things that Heaven Bears. It is accompanied by a letter from the Commons Heads. The purpose of this reading is to give the community a shared foundation for intellectual exchange. With this initial reading and the discussions that occur during MiddView, you will begin to consider what it means to embark on a liberal arts education and begin what we hope will become ongoing discussions about essential topics of intellectual and civic life.

First-Year Seminar
As first-year students, one of the four classes you will take in the fall semester will be a First-Year Seminar (see enclosed Registration Packet). Most of these classes are interdisciplinary in nature, and all of them place a strong emphasis on helping you to develop the strong writing skills that will be essential to your Middlebury education. Between June 13 and June 20, you will register your preferences online, and you will be notified through your Middlebury e-mail account of your class late in the summer.

Registering through BannerWeb is very straightforward. Follow the steps from your BannerWeb account after you have logged in for the first time. Instructions on logging in can be found on the MiddView website and in your registration materials.

The first meeting of your seminar will take place on the second day of MiddView, and the structure of this class will vary. While some professors use this first meeting to introduce Middlebury’s academic environment, others conduct this as a formal class, begin delving into the seminar topic, and issue assignments for the next class meeting the following week.

Honor Code
Middlebury’s community is designed to support the creation of original academic work, and the appropriate acknowledgement of the work of others. Our honor code is not a document imposed on our students by our faculty; rather, it was written by students and is owned by all members of our community, and reflects our shared affirmation that integrity in all areas of life, and in the intellectual realm in particular, is paramount.

During the MiddView program, and in the weeks that follow, new students will be able to explore Middlebury’s honor code from three different perspectives. During your First-Year Seminar meeting, your professor will provide you with a written copy of our Academic Honesty guidelines (online at go.middlebury.edu/honorcode). Your professor will review with you some of the basic principles of the honor code and identify resources that can be helpful to you. Transfer and exchange students will also receive an introduction to the Honor Code during MiddView. Later in the week, all new students will congregate by Commons to hear current students’ thoughts about the honor code. At this event, you will sign your name to the honor code roster, which will subsequently be displayed and preserved as a formal record of your affirmation of these values. Finally, during your First-Year Seminar, you will work closely with your professor to review correct citation practices and guiding principles of academic integrity.

Registering for Additional Fall Classes
You will register for your three remaining fall courses after you have had several opportunities to explore your options and to discuss them with your faculty advisor. We recommend that you take full advantage of “My Schedule Planner” located at go.middlebury.edu/catalog to explore course offerings and develop different versions of your schedule.
• You will take Placement Exams as necessary. (Information on the exams is included in your registration packet in this mailing. As several of these exams need to be completed online before you arrive, it is important to review this chart carefully.)

• Each student will have a 30-minute meeting with his/her advisor during MiddView.

• There will be optional sessions offered by Middlebury’s Center for Teaching, Learning and Research (CLTR) staff on long-term planning, creating a balanced schedule, and other academic tips.

• You will register for your remaining courses using BannerWeb during MiddView.

We encourage our students to take full advantage of the breadth of our liberal arts curriculum. One way we support this process is through College distribution requirements. Middlebury’s distribution requirements can be found online (go.middlebury.edu/requirements). It is a good idea to consider how your selection of fall classes can help you to begin meeting these requirements.

We find that students occasionally restrict themselves in their course selection unnecessarily because they do not believe a class will have relevance for their tentative career. We suggest that you visit our Education in Action page, and in particular, their materials on the connection between academic majors and careers (go.middlebury.edu/major). You may also find it useful to review the goals of Middlebury’s educational program (go.middlebury.edu/academics) and to consider your course selection with this in mind.
Main campus number: 802.443.5000
All extensions use area code 802

Emergency/Public Safety: 802.443.5911

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION (Old Chapel), 443.5391

ATHLETICS (Field House), 443.5250

CENTER FOR EDUCATION IN ACTION:
Careers, Fellowships, and Civic Engagement (Adirondack House), 443.5100
- CAREER SERVICES, 443.5100
- CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, 443.3099
- FELLOWSHIPS, 443.2455
- HEALTH PROFESSIONS—Premedical advising, 443.2455

CTLR—CENTER FOR TEACHING, LEARNING, AND RESEARCH (Library Suite 225), 443.3131

COMMONS OFFICES

- ATWATER Commons (Allen Hall) 443.3310
- BRAINERD Commons (Stewart Hall) 443.3320
- COOK Commons (Battell Hall, North) 443.3330
- ROSS Commons (Ross Hall) 443.3340
- WONNACOTT Commons (Battell Hall, South) 443.3350

DEAN OF STUDENTS (McCullough), 443.3233

DEAN OF THE COLLEGE (Old Chapel), 443.5382

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (Harnest House), 443.5133

DINING SERVICES (Service Building), 443.5345

FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR PROGRAM (Davis Family Library), 443.5878

ISSS—INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR SERVICES (Carr Hall), 443.5858

LIS—LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES (Davis Family Library), 443.2000

PARTON CENTER FOR HEALTH AND COUNSELING (Centeno House)
- COUNSELING SERVICES, 443.5141
- HEALTH SERVICES, 443.5135

REGISTRAR’S OFFICE (Forest Hall), 443.5770

RESIDENTIAL LIFE (McCullough Student Center) 443.3301

SCOTT CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS AND SPIRITUAL LIFE (Hathaway House), 443.5626

STUDENT ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES—ADA (Meeker House), 443.5936; TTY, 443.7437

STUDENT ACTIVITIES (McCullough Student Center), 443.3103

STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES (Service Building), 443.5158
# College Academic Calendar 2013–2014

## September 2013
- **2 Monday** Labor Day
  - Orientation begins
- **5 Thursday** ***Rosh Hashanah***
- **7 Saturday** Residence Halls open for returning students (9:00 AM)
- **8 Sunday** Convocation
- **9 Monday** Fall term classes begin (8:00 AM)
- **14 Saturday** ***Yom Kippur***
- **26–28 Thurs.–Sat.** Clifford Symposium
- **27–29 Fri.–Sun.** Alumni Leadership Conference

## October 2013
- **11–13 Fri.–Sun.** Fall Family Weekend
- **15 Tuesday** ***Eid al Adha***
- **21–22 Mon.–Tues.** Midterm recess
- **23 Wednesday** Classes resume (8:00 AM);
- **17–19 Thurs.–Sat.** Trustee Meetings
- **25–27 Fri.–Sun.** Homecoming

## November 2013
- **3 Sunday** Daylight Saving Time ends
- **26 Tuesday** Thanksgiving recess begins (4:15 PM)
- **28 Thursday** Thanksgiving Day

## December 2013
- **2 Monday** Classes resume (8:00 AM)
- **6 Friday** Fall term classes end (4:15 PM)
- **7 Saturday** MIIS Winter Commencement
- **9 Monday** Examination period begins
- **10–15 Tuesday–Sun.** Final examinations
- **12 Thursday** Reading Day
- **15 Sunday** Recess begins (10:00 PM)
- **16 Monday** Residence Halls close (Noon.)
- **25 Wednesday** Christmas Day

## January 2014
- **1 Wednesday** New Year’s Day
- **5 Sunday** Residence Halls open (9:00 AM)
- **6 Monday** Winter term classes begin (8:00 AM)
- **20 Monday** Martin Luther King Day
- **31 Friday** Winter term classes end; Recess begins (4:15 PM)

## February 2014
- **1 Saturday** Celebration for mid-year grads
- **5 Wednesday** Spring Orientation begins
- **10 Monday** Spring term classes begin (8:00 AM)
- **20–22 Thurs.–Sat.** Trustee meetings
- **20 Thursday** Winter Carnival recess begins (4:15 PM)
- **21–22 Fri.–Sat.** Winter Carnival
- **24 Monday** Classes resume (8:00 AM)

## March 2014
- **5 Wednesday** Ash Wednesday
- **9 Sunday** Daylight Saving Time begins
- **21 Friday** Spring term recess begins (4:15 PM)
- **31 Monday** Classes resume (8:00 AM)

## April 2014
- **11 Friday** *Student Research Symposium; classes do not meet*
- **15 Tuesday** ***First Day of Passover***
- **18 Friday** Good Friday
- **20 Sunday** Easter (All Christian)

## May 2014
- **8–10 Thurs.–Sat.** Trustee meetings
- **12 Monday** ***Spring term classes end (4:15 PM)***
- **14 Wednesday** Examination period begins
- **15–20 Thru.–Tues.** Final examinations
- **17 Saturday** MIIS Commencement
- **21 Wednesday** Residence Halls close for general student body (noon)
- **24 Saturday** Baccalaureate
- **25 Sunday** Commencement/Residence Halls close for Graduates and Senior FEBs (11:00 PM)
- **26 Monday** Memorial Day

* Fall exams scheduled Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
* Spring exams scheduled Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday.
** Friday class schedule observed on Monday, May 12.
*** These religious holidays begin at sundown of the preceding day.

Dates are based on the lunar calendar and may vary.

NOTE: The Calendar is subject to change.