Middlebury College
What gets you out of bed in the morning?

Solving climate change
Your rugby team
Hiking in the Bread Loaf wilderness
Writing code

Bread Loaf wilderness
The novels of Julia Alvarez ’71

Exploring the economics of happiness

Learning a second language... or a third, fourth, or fifth

Caribbean dance

Japanese animation

Starting a band and building a brand

The novels of Julia Alvarez ’71
What will it mean to explore the world at a college that is more than 200 years old, in a state known for its mountains, music, wilderness, and winters?

Middlebury welcomes the bold, the brave, the intelligent, the inquisitive, the .5*, the global thinker, and the local activist, ready to speak up and speak out. You’ll push your boundaries and develop new ways of thinking, understanding, and communicating. You’ll study a global curriculum based in the liberal arts and sciences, deeply entwined with the natural world.

You’ll define your experience at Middlebury by your capacity for growth and exploration—not your ability to pay. Middlebury’s financial aid is generous. As one of the very few need-blind colleges in the U.S., Middlebury does not consider financial capacity in our admissions decision for U.S. students. (We are need-aware for international students.) If you’re accepted, we’ll meet your full demonstrated financial need.

*What’s a .5? It’s our Feb enrollment program. We’ll tell you more in a few pages.
Mia Grayson ‘20
Long Beach, California

• Molecular biology and biochemistry major; premed track.

• FAVORITE CLASSES
  Sociology of Gender,
  Education in the U.S.,
  and Molecular Genetics.

• CLOSE COMMUNITY
I had several campus jobs—and Middlebury’s size meant I saw my professors everywhere, even at work. I liked that.

• STUDY ABROAD
I spent my junior fall in Viña del Mar, Chile, living with a host family and taking classes entirely in Spanish.

• WHAT SURPRISED ME
The constant flow of options for things to do outside the classroom that provided a balance to the rigorous academics.

• AFTER MIDDLEBURY
I work in the cardiac division at Mass General Hospital, where I enroll patients and analyze data in various studies.
Paolo Gonnelli ’21
Gorizia, Italy

• Comparative literature major; Spanish, Chinese, and linguistics.

GUIDING FORCES
My advisor and I talk about not just my academic plans but also life after Middlebury. She’s a true mentor.

FAVORITE CAMPUS SPACE
Ross Dining Hall. I have two-hourlong breakfasts almost every morning and do some of my work.

FAVORITE CLASSES
First-Year Seminar, Introduction to Queer Critique.

OFF CAMPUS
I attended MiddCORE—Middlebury’s leadership and innovation summer program—and explored professional options.

AFTER MIDDLEBURY
I intend to study translation, most likely at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey.
I look around in wonder at the beauty of the campus while walking to class. I can’t get over it and I never will.

—Pim Singhatiraj ’21.5
A GREEN MINDSET

Our environmental studies program, the oldest in the country, is one of our most popular majors. In addition to our recently becoming carbon neutral, our new Energy2028 plan sets a goal of using 100 percent renewable energy by 2028.
Schedule to meet with your advisor to talk about what to take for your January-term class.

5:15 PM, DECEMBER 1
A hub of student activity from morning to night, the Axinn Center at Starr Library joins together the College’s original neoclassic library with modern reading and technology rooms, and it offers a great view.

Watch a screening of Hitchcock’s *The Birds* with a film studies class.

Heading abroad next semester? Attend the Schools in Argentina, Chile, and Uruguay pre-departure meeting.
Pick up a coffee from nearby Wilson Café and find a quiet spot to study.

The Center for the Comparative Study of Race and Ethnicity hosts a visiting lecturer speaking on race, immigration, and the New Deal.

Axinn’s sustainable design maximizes energy efficiency and includes CO2 sensors that keep the ventilation system off unless a room is in use.
Exploring the arts could mean taking a beginning acting class with Claudio Medeiros ’90, associate professor of theatre.
Intellect is not wisdom. Middlebury will challenge you to take the next step, which is to understand the role of knowledge in the world, how it has shaped human hearts and minds over centuries, and how it continues to do so.

—President Laurie L. Patton
Where are you living next year?
I have a room in PALANA—the intercultural house—on Adirondack View.

After we finish planting the onions, we can get started on the zinnias.

Can I get a “Super Feel-Good,” please? That’s a classic from the Grille—a double-decker grilled cheese with chicken tenders inside.

The a cappella concert starts at 7.

In our first mindfulness meditation class, we’ll start with the sound of om.

I’ll see you in the lobby of BiHall. [Sets down in front of Vermont’s largest window and takes in the view.]

Quidditch practice is on Battell Beach at 4!

Studying monogenetic volcanoes helps me understand Earth’s basic functionality.

How do we solve issues of clean water?
YOUR VOICE WILL BE HEARD AT MIDDLEBURY.

Original thoughts and ideas are fostered here, and the opportunities to express them are endless. We have dozens of clubs, groups, organizations, and opportunities, from the Campus newspaper to improv, where you can find and refine your voice—and the resources to start something new, too.

Arabesque
Asian Students in Action
Black Student Union
Circolo Italiano
Debate Society
Dissipated Eight
Feminist Action at Middlebury
Hillel
New England Review
Oratory Now
Queers & Allies (Q&A)
Student Government Assoc.

We’re loading in the set for American Idiot tomorrow.

What time does the bus leave for Montreal?

Want to head downtown for some sushi?

Snake Mountain hike this Saturday?
THE CHOICE IS YOURS
You can eat in any campus dining hall, whenever you want, as often as you want, and as much as you want. You can even have dinner in one hall, and then have dessert and tea in another.

VERMONT FRESH
The student-run Crossroads Café serves local foods, including Vermont Coffee Company coffee, locally brewed kombucha, and sushi made on-site.
TABLE TALK
There are lots of options for connecting over a meal, including eating dinner with a professor at the Grille, meeting your chem lab partner for a fresh cookie at Wilson Café, or having lunch at one of our Language Tables.

WASTE NOT
We compost 99 percent of our food waste and use that compost in our campus gardens and other places.

GATHERED TOGETHER
Middlebury is a true living-and-learning community: 95 percent of students live on campus, and housing is guaranteed all four years.
There’s no way around it: winter in Vermont is frigid. But the best way to handle it is to layer up and get outside anyway.
—LUNA SHEN ’19.5

During J-term, we can focus all of our energy into one class for four weeks, exploring an academic passion—or something new. It is also the perfect chance to engage with our playful sides, either out on the hill or inside by the fire.
—EMILY KERSTEIN ’20

I love walking to class between two mountain ranges, the Green Mountains on one side and the Adirondacks on the other.
—ALEX GEMME ’21
Midd winters have been incredibly fun! Highlights definitely include building a 10-foot-tall snowman and managing to skate across an iced-over soccer field (both excellent ways to make quick, baffled friends).
—Benjamin Feinstein ’20

Being from California, you tended to wear beanies (ski hats) more for fashion than for function. It wasn’t until I got to Middlebury that I realized they served the purpose of keeping your head warm.
—Demetrius Borge ’16

*THE FULL .5 EXPERIENCE*
Each February, approximately 100 first-year students begin at Middlebury as Febs. They’ve been accepted under the same high standards as those who enroll in the fall but have the chance to take a pause before enrollment to work, explore, or volunteer. The Feb program started in 1971, so it’s almost 50 years old. Febs even get their own class year designation (Class of 2023.5) and an optional ski-down graduation ceremony, a tradition unique in the nation!
We want to develop both mental and physical health. Our flexible and accessible spaces support all kinds of wellness, whether it’s playing a sport, taking a yoga or meditation class, going for a walk on our trails, or learning to ski.

—Erin Quinn ’86
Director of Athletics
BE WELL

Whether you want to get fit, stay fit, or try something new, our facilities are open to everyone from varsity athletes to the greater campus community and even local alumni.

- Fitness center
- Field house with indoor track and training area
- Climbing wall
- Logrolling
- Natatorium
- Ice hockey arena
- Basketball courts
- Trail Around Middlebury (TAM)
- Outdoor track
- 18-hole public golf course
- Downhill and Nordic ski centers
- Classes such as spinning and yoga
- Clubs and intramural teams from equestrian to rugby to the nation’s first Muggle Quidditch
- 31 varsity sports; charter member of NESCAC
OUR PLACE IN THE WORLD

Our main campus is in an idyllic New England town, but our students have Middlebury opportunities all over the world, including at our Schools Abroad in 36 sites in 16 countries; our graduate school, the Middlebury Institute of International Studies; and the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference. Our Study Abroad Office will work with you to find a program—or two—that aligns with your academic and personal interests.

About 10 percent of our undergraduate students at Middlebury are non-U.S. citizens, and many others have lived abroad before college.
Don’t be afraid to create your own path. You’ll find your most fulfilling successes when you’re doing the work you care about.

—Michelle Lehman ’19
Basalt, Colorado
Neuroscience major

As a first-generation college student, I chose Middlebury for its strong academics, extensive alumni network, and outdoor culture.

Initially, I struggled to determine an academic path in the arts that also aligned with my interest in the sciences.
As a junior, I took a course on 3-D animation and realized its immense potential to communicate complex information to specific audiences.

I’m now an animator at Oak Ridge National Laboratories, where I’m growing my animation skills and delving into brand-new science concepts.

I started Middlebury as a premed bio major, and as a sophomore, I changed my major to neuroscience.

I started pursuing animation projects, including one that visualized a professor’s research on the mechanisms that drive the cavity-forming process of oral bacteria.

NEXT STEPS

Ben Schiffer ’10
MAJOR: Theatre
NOW: Circus Rigger, Cirque du Soleil

Brittany Knight ’11
MAJOR: Chinese
NOW: Executive Director, the Joyce Ivy Foundation

Silvano DiMonte ’12
MAJOR: History of Art and Architecture
NOW: Psychiatric Registered Nurse, HCA Dominion Hospital

Barbara Ofosu-Sомуah ’13
MAJOR: Psychology; Sociology/Anthropology
NOW: Salesforce Database Administrator, Posse Foundation

Danny Zhang ’15
MAJOR: History of Art and Architecture; Political Science
NOW: Associate Cataloguer, Impressionist and Modern Art, Sotheby’s
With a solid liberal arts grounding in essential skills like critical thinking, creative problem solving, and self-expression, plus the confidence that comes from internships and other experiences outside the classroom, you’ll graduate from Middlebury prepared for a rewarding future.

Our students choose careers in a range of fields at both established and emerging companies and organizations—or they strike out on their own to pursue their passions. Others continue their education in health professions, law, and master’s and PhD programs.

Our Center for Careers and Internships has all the resources you need to explore your career path. Preprofessional advising helps students meet requirements for admission to schools in the areas of architecture, business, education, engineering, health professions, and law.
GRADUATE SCHOOL DESTINATIONS

Boston University
Brown University
Columbia University
Dartmouth
Georgetown University
Harvard Medical School
Johns Hopkins University
London School of Economics
Middlebury Institute of International Studies
New York University Law School
Oxford University
Stanford University
University of Michigan

TOP CAREER FIELDS

15% financial services
12% arts, media, and communications
12% education
12% technology
12% consulting
12% science and health care
7% government, law, and policy
5% environment, energy, and agriculture
4% social impact

RECENT GRADUATES

93% employed or pursuing postgraduate education or fellowship
6% conducting job searches
94% cohort acceptance rate into medical school (among the highest of our peer institutions)
94% law school admission rate

Fellowships Received include Watson, Fulbright, Schwarzman, and National Science Foundation

JOBS AND INTERNSHIPS

90 on-campus info sessions with employers
750 on-campus interviews
22,000 opportunities in our online database
$750,000 of summer internship funding
2,500+ alumni career volunteers

GRADUATE SCHOOL DESTINATIONS
DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMS

American Studies
Anthropology
Arabic
Biology
Black Studies
Chemistry and Biochemistry
Chinese
Classical Hebrew
Classics and Classical Studies
Comparative Literature
Computer Science
Creative Writing
Dance
Economics
Education Studies
English and American Literatures
Environmental Studies
  Arts
  Architecture and the Environment
  Creative Arts
  Environmental Dance
  Environmental Studies-Architecture
  Environmental Studio Art
  Environmental Theatre
  Humanities
  Environmental History
  Environmental Literature
  Environmental Writing
  Religion, Philosophy, and the Environment
  Natural Sciences
  Conservation Biology
  Environmental Chemistry
  Environmental Geology
  Social Sciences
    Conservation Psychology
    Environmental Economics
    Environmental Geography
    Environmental Justice
    Environmental Policy
  Film and Media Culture
  French and Francophone Studies
  Gender, Sexuality, and Feminist Studies
  Geography
  Geology
  German
  History
  History of Art and Architecture
    Architectural Studies
    History of Art
    Museum Studies
  International and Global Studies
    African Studies
    East Asian Studies
    European Studies
    Global Gender and Sexuality Studies
    Global Security Studies
    Latin American Studies
    Middle East Studies
    Russian and East European Studies
    South Asian Studies
    International Politics and Economics
    Italian
    Japanese Studies
    Literary Studies
    Luso-Hispanic Studies
    Mathematics
  Molecular Biology and Biochemistry
  Music
  Neuroscience
  Philosophy
  Physics
  Political Science
  Psychology
  Religion
  Russian
  Sociology
  Studio Art
  Theatre
  Writing and Rhetoric

Interdisciplinary Minors
African American Studies
African Studies
Food Studies
Global Health
Jewish Studies
Linguistics
Modern Hebrew
South Asian Studies

Integrated-Degree Programs
BA and MA in five-and-a-half years with Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey

Dual-Degree Programs in Engineering
BA and BE in five years with Dartmouth College
BA and BS in five years with Columbia University

For details regarding specific majors and minors, please refer to go.middlebury.edu/academics.
APPLYING TO MIDDLEBURY

Middlebury is highly selective. Most students rank in the top 10 percent of their high school classes, take rigorous course loads, and demonstrate commitment to interests beyond academics. Middlebury is test optional; admission is based on high school records, recommendations, activities and interests, and student writing. Standardized test scores (SAT, ACT) are not required for admission and will be considered only if a student chooses to submit them.

The February admission program supports the practice of taking time off between high school and college. Students can indicate their interest in a February start option (“being a Feb”) on their application; indicating an interest does not impact the admission decision process. For more information, visit go.middlebury.edu/feb.

For the most up-to-date information about applying, visit go.middlebury.edu/admissions.

INTERVIEWS
The Admissions Office has a large network of alumni volunteers, making it possible for applicants to interview with a graduate in their home or school community. Interviews are offered to as many applicants as possible and take place within a few weeks of the application deadline. Interviews are not required for admission, and the absence of an interview will not adversely affect one’s application.

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FINANCIAL AID AND AFFORDABILITY
Middlebury is committed to meeting 100 percent of an accepted applicant’s demonstrated financial need, as determined by the Student Financial Services Office. Middlebury provides grant aid to approximately half of the student body and is committed to keeping student loan levels low. Admission decisions are need blind for U.S. students, permanent residents, undocumented students, and DACA students; they are based on students’ qualifications, not ability to pay. To learn more, visit go.middlebury.edu/sfs.

The tuition for 2020–21 is $57,880, and room and board is $16,630.

GETTING HERE