MINNESOTA PRIVATE COLLEGES

Augsburg University
Bethany Lutheran College
Bethel University
Carleton College
College of Saint Benedict
The College of St. Scholastica
Concordia College, Moorhead
Concordia University, St. Paul
Gustavus Adolphus College
Hamline University
Macalester College
Minneapolis College of Art and Design
Saint John’s University
Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota
St. Catherine University
St. Olaf College
University of Northwestern – St. Paul
University of St. Thomas

We put excellence within reach.

EXPERIENCE AN EDUCATION LIKE NO OTHER. The Minnesota Private College Council represents 18 high quality liberal arts colleges that focus on the student experience. There are more than 150 majors and minors. And no two colleges are alike!

You’ll find that students come from all types of backgrounds—and each campus has its own personality and mix of activities.

Whether you’re coming out of high school or planning to transfer in, you’re sure to find a Minnesota private college that’s right for you.

FIND OUT WHICH COLLEGES OFFER JUST WHAT YOU WANT.

»Learn more about each of our colleges: mnprivatecolleges.org/our-colleges

»Search for the majors, minors, sports and arts offerings that are important to you: mnprivatecolleges.org/find

You’re more likely to graduate within four years from our colleges. That means you’ll start your career (or grad school) sooner.
We cost less than you think.

THE AMOUNT YOU PAY AT A PRIVATE COLLEGE COULD BE LESS than what you pay at a public institution. There’s a myth out there that only wealthy families can afford our colleges. The truth is we’re accessible for families of all income levels—and the incomes of our families are similar to those at Minnesota’s public universities.

After grants and scholarships are factored in, the listed tuition at our colleges is cut by 69% on average for first-year students.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE. Our colleges work hard to be affordable: There are need-based grants, which help students from low- and middle-income families. And merit aid recognizes student achievement and potential, largely tied to academics. In fact, 96% of first-year students receive grants and scholarships that they never have to pay back.

» LEARN MORE ABOUT PAYING FOR COLLEGE: mnprivatecolleges.org/paying
EMPLOYERS SEEK THE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE THAT OUR GRADS GAIN. In a recent survey, eight out of 10 value college students developing critical thinking and communications skills—areas prioritized in a liberal arts education.

PRIVATE COLLEGES SUPPORT STUDENTS through strong alumni networks, job fairs and career services. The annual Minnesota Private Colleges Job and Internship Fair attracts hundreds of employers because they know our graduates are prepared to succeed.

OUR ALUMNI GAIN real-world experience and workforce preparation before they graduate—through internships, hands-on research, study abroad and other interactive experiences that made them career-ready.

**WITHIN ONE YEAR OF GRADUATION:**
- 75% of private college graduates are employed
- 16% are pursuing additional education
- 2% are doing volunteer service, such as Peace Corps or mission work, or military service

Our grads are prepared for what’s next.

The median income of our alums 10 years after graduation is $71,400.
You get to know your professors since most classes have fewer than 20 students. That’s unlike public universities, where you are more likely to end up in large classes.

Our students are never just a number.

Our smaller classes make a difference:
You’ll be both supported and challenged in ways that will help you get more out of college. That includes great references when you apply for jobs or grad school. Talk to a teacher or a current college student you know — ask them why class size matters.
Small campuses, big opportunities.

Our colleges offer a welcoming community for all—whether they have 700 or 6,000 undergrads—and they offer a world of options. That starts with our strong academic programs and a huge array of majors and minors, from anthropology to web design.

Our students are supported and engaged. They build community and explore their interests outside the classroom in countless ways, including clubs, sports, the arts, study abroad, civic engagement, research and more.

Whatever excites you, you’ll find it at our colleges. And you’ll discover new passions. See for yourself. Plan campus visits: mnprivatecolleges.org/explore

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