



MINNESOTA
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COLLEGES

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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 St. Thomas

We put excellence within reach.

EXPERIENCE AN EDUCATION LIKE NO OTHER.

The Minnesota Private College Council represents 17 high quality liberal arts colleges that focus on the student experience. There are more than 140 different majors. 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.



IN MINNESOTA



IN THE MIDWEST



IN THE NATION

You're more likely to graduate within four years from our colleges. That means you'll start your career (or grad school) sooner.

**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/college-finder

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 basically no different than at Minnesota's public universities.



After grants and scholarships are factored in, the listed tuition at our colleges is cut by 60% 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, 94% of first-year students receive grants and scholarships that they never have to pay back.

» **LEARN MORE ABOUT PAYING FOR COLLEGE:** mnprivatecolleges.org/how-pay



Our grads are prepared for what's next.

EMPLOYERS SEEK THE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE THAT OUR GRADS GAIN. In a recent survey, more than eight out of 10 employers said students should acquire broad knowledge in the liberal arts.

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.

WITHIN ONE YEAR OF GRADUATION:

75% of private college graduates are employed



4% are doing volunteer service such as Peace Corps or mission work

16% are pursuing additional education

90% OF OUR ALUMNI SAY that they gained real-world experience and workforce preparation before they graduated — through internships, hands-on research, study abroad and other interactive experiences that made them career-ready.



PAYCHECK

\$54,600

The median income for our alums working full-time in Minnesota four years after graduation is \$54,600. (That means half have higher and half have lower incomes.)

Our students are never just a number.

You'll get to know your professors at Minnesota private colleges, 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 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.



OUR GRADS SEE THE DIFFERENCE.

Share of alumni saying faculty were interested in students personally and academically



Share of alumni saying they benefitted "very much" from a majority of classes taught by professors



» FIND OUT MORE ABOUT WHAT OUR GRADS SAY ABOUT THE VALUE OF A PRIVATE COLLEGE EDUCATION: www.mnprivatecolleges.org/our-value

Small campuses, big opportunities.

Our colleges offer a welcoming community for all—whether they have 600 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 animation to zoology.

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/visit

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