This is Colgate.
The campus rises steeply, creating a sense that this place is always ascending. And so it has climbed for more than 200 years, proud of its tradition, emboldened by ambition. This is where the best scholars in their fields actually put teaching first. This is where students thrive in the most creative curriculum in America. This is what it feels like to have the best of a research university and a liberal arts college in one. This is a scene of unforgettable beauty, of energetic spirit, of intellectual preparation for life. This education is distinct. This is Colgate.
Chapter 1

A Sense of Place
Beauty

From the first look, the campus is inviting. And then, as it takes hold, the scenery becomes defining. Colgate’s allure shapes the experience of living and learning here. The feeling comes alive in every majestic view. It is in the cover and colors of sugar maples and red oaks. It is in the strolls along Willow Path, the serenity of Taylor Lake and Payne Creek, the history chiseled into halls of stone. Set in the Chenango Valley of central New York, Colgate is one of the most beautiful environments in America. It is forever in Colgate’s identity: breathtaking beauty.
Students often choose Colgate because it just fits, the intangible quality that can mean everything in picking a college. They know it as soon as they get here. It starts with that first step on campus, seeing the landscape and the way people engage with each other. It grows and endures because students find others who share their interests in class, in recreation, in reflection.

Colgate, from its courses to its residential commons, is expressly designed to help people connect. This place attracts students who want to live in a community with peers, study seriously, challenge themselves, be active, get involved. The reason it feels right to people from so many different places and perspectives is because Colgate supports, welcomes, and wants them.
Scale

The scale of Colgate is unlike any in America. As a university, it offers world-caliber faculty, extraordinary research opportunities, dozens of diverse majors, more than 200 clubs, and the highest level of competition in athletics: Division I. As a private and selective liberal arts college, it is intimate enough to ensure that teaching is the priority and that students know their professors. Colgate is a learning environment of small classes, on a campus designed for community, in a town where people gather at the inn and village green. It is also a 575-acre home of expansive academic choices on campus and around the world. The balance of that scale is distinctive. It creates opportunities only Colgate can offer.

SMALL-SCHOOL FEEL

3,206
Size of the student body. A small student body creates a connected community

→ Scenic setting in a small town; Forbes listed Hamilton, NY as one of America’s friendliest towns

16
Average class size

54%
Percentage of professors who live within the Hamilton area

→ Housing for students is guaranteed, providing a four-year residential experience

→ Residential Commons system offers small living-learning communities

→ Faculty and administrative leaders are approachable and active in the lives of students by attending brown bag lunches, holding drop-in hours, and more

BIG-SCHOOL BENEFITS

25
NCAA Division I Athletics teams

→ Uncommon opportunities for undergraduates to take part in research and significant service projects each summer

65,000
Internships and jobs posted by Career Services this year

→ Strong, loyal, passionate network of alumni

→ Distinguished faculty

→ Recent expansion of physical spaces on campus: Olin Hall and the Benton Center for Creativity and Innovation

200+
Clubs, organizations, and club sport options, plus the option for students to start their own

→ Study-abroad options: 100+ approved programs, Colgate study groups, and extended-study options

→ High caliber of visiting speakers, scholars, and artists
Chapter 2
Academics
Excellence

What makes learning at Colgate so exceptional is academic quality at a remarkably personal level. Every single class is taught by distinguished faculty — never teaching assistants. Professors truly get to know and mentor their students, with classes kept small enough to ensure it.

At the same time, Colgate’s larger scale provides an enviable choice of majors, research, and global study. The hallmarks of a Colgate education have stood for centuries: critical inquiry, knowledge across disciplines, and rigorous preparation for the world. Graduates have a profound ability to summon reason, gather facts, solve problems, and communicate with power. This is the choice for students who are sophisticated, driven, and eager for transformative teaching.

100%
Classes taught by faculty who are leaders in their fields

9:1
Student-to-faculty ratio

Zero
Classes taught by teaching assistants

94%
Retention rate (students returning as sophomores)

SCHOLARS PROGRAMS
Colgate offers scholars programs for first-year students based on qualities demonstrated in their admission applications. All of these students receive valuable support toward learning, research, and global travel as they begin their Colgate life.

Alumni Memorial Scholars
Students with an exceptional academic record who will thrive by contributing to the intellectual community

Jerome Balmuth Award for Teaching recipient Engda Hagos published research in the European Journal of Cell Biology with 10 Colgate student co-authors; it examines how a specific protein inhibits cancer growth at the cellular level.

Charles A. Dana Professor Physics and Astronomy Enrique Galvez was named an Optical Society Fellow for his outstanding research, development of educational optics laboratories, and involvement of undergraduates in research.

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Geography professor Peter Klapcis takes students on a snowshoeing walk as part of an exercise in happiness and paying attention to details in nature.

Art and art history professor Lynette Stephenson explores creative visual modes of expression in her studio art class.
Liberal Arts Core Components

Core Communities
These multidisciplinary courses examine the patterns of inclusion and exclusion shaped by global phenomena (capitalism, colonialism, political ideologies, religions, and new technologies, among many others) to better understand what it means to live in a community.

Core Conversations
This course employs a set of five common texts to promote wide-ranging conversations anchored in the past and directed toward the present. Core Conversations defines the term “text” expansively, not limiting it to written work but encompassing many modes of intellectual and creative expression from different cultures and time periods, including the pre-modern past.

Core Sciences
These courses investigate the scientific process and the relationship between science and society while understanding the histories, inequities, or social differences that can be and have been associated with science.

The Liberal Arts Practices
To build mastery in the skills and habits of mind most essential to a broad education, students take courses emphasizing five Liberal Arts Practices:
- Confronting Collective Challenges
- The Process of Writing
- Quantitative and Algorithmic Reasoning
- Language Study
- Artistic Practice and Interpretation

Areas of Inquiry
To foster breadth of learning, students take one course from each of three Areas of Inquiry:
- Human Thought and Expression
- Social Relations, Institutions, and Agents
- Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Physical Education and Wellness
To promote physical, mental, social, and environmental well-being, students take two or more courses in the Division of Physical Education, Recreation, and Athletics.

Core
Colgate’s Liberal Arts Core Curriculum teaches not just topics but habits of mind. The core takes students through an intellectual exploration of questions that every educated person will encounter at some point in their lives. Gathered in lively small-group discussions, students go in surprising directions of discovery as they dive into history and challenges of modern life. The courses cross all majors, reflecting a Colgate liberal arts education that teaches the whole person about a world that never fits neatly into just one discipline.

Although it is one small slice of a student’s overall coursework, the core unites everyone in a common academic experience. And even though its tradition runs more than 90 years, the core is distinctive for never aging. With intensity and care, the faculty debate each year how to keep the core fresh, ensuring that it is constantly relevant.
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The Colgate University Department of Theater presents "Kinderkrankenhaus" at the Brehmer Theater in the Dana Arts Center.
Students at Colgate tend to refer to their courses by the name of the person who teaches them. That shorthand reflects what students feel — a personal connection to the classes because of the professors. The faculty are not just known for their achievements; they are actually known by the students in a real way, every day. Beyond their research and teaching success, the faculty have developed a proud reputation for who they are: approachable, invested, involved, and inspiring.
Colgate’s research is distinguished in quality, respected by peers, and honored by awards, but the real surprise is who gets to do it: an overwhelming majority of undergraduate students. The access to research opportunities is a true differentiator at Colgate, where students can typically work directly with top scholars simply by asking.

Undergraduates at Colgate have access to doctorate-level opportunities without having to compete with graduate students for those chances. The research covers the entire spectrum of Colgate liberal arts, from the sciences and social sciences to the arts and humanities. Some students even have their research published before they graduate. The intellectual experience of teaming with faculty in discovery is transformative.
Success

The students of Colgate carry its values. And one day, they carry out the value of a Colgate degree, which opens doors with its reputation for excellence. The finest employers and most competitive graduate schools all know what it means to meet someone who went to Colgate. This university teaches people to grow in both confidence and humility. To challenge themselves and others with reason and respect. To communicate clearly. To see many perspectives. To embrace responsibility and engage in society. Those are the skills employers want. They reflect well-rounded people who can help, compete, and win in the real world. They are Colgate graduates.

**TOP EMPLOYERS OF COLGATE GRADS**

Amazon
Apple
Bank of America
Merrill Lynch
Colgate University
Ernst & Young
Goldman Sachs
The Gotham Film and Media Institute
IBM
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
NASA
National Institutes of Health
NBCUniversal
Peace Corps
Sotheby’s

98% of last year’s class secured jobs, admission to graduate schools, fellowships and scholarships, military or volunteer service within nine months of graduation.

155 Formal recruiting partners, including Deloitte, Ernst & Young, Goldman Sachs, Google, Major League Baseball, Mass General Hospital, Peace Corps, and Revlon.

**Entrepreneur Weekend** is a celebration and recognition of entrepreneurship at Colgate, featuring innovative student ventures. Colgate students and alumni attend the Showcase and Pitch Competition.

Colgate University Career Services presents The Big Deal About Big Data, an alumni panel on the fields of data science, analytics, and machine learning. Alumni panelists share their experiences, describe impactful projects, and facilitate hands-on learning for students of all skill levels.

$1M Approximate funding designated each year for students pursuing unpaid or underpaid summer experiences.

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SophoMORE Connections networking event, offering students an opportunity to ask advice and seek the guidance and counsel of Colgate alumni, as the students begin to think about their career options and job opportunities.
Colgate opens up the world to students by giving them an extraordinary chance to see it. Over its history, Colgate has long been moving outward, encouraging its students to learn the cultures and perspectives of foreign places. What came of that commitment is one of the most revered off-campus programs anywhere. The sheer scope is remarkable, led by more than 100 approved study-abroad programs in 50 countries.

Students can do semester-long off-campus study groups or short-term faculty-led trips with a professor after the semester ends. The majority of students study somewhere else in the world. From Cuba to China, Uganda to Jamaica, Australia to Argentina, Colgate classrooms are everywhere.

Students who take part in off-campus study *

*excludes Class of 2022 due to pandemic-related travel restrictions

Colgate students take a tour of Moore Town, a maroon community village in the Portland Parish in Jamaica.

The Wales Study Group experiences quintessential parts of the British Isles, including their many historic sites.

The Florida Keys Extended Study trip immerses students in cognitive and behavioral research of marine mammals.

Colgate students in the South Africa Study Group take excursions that reinforce the biogeography theme of the study group.

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Ranked nationally in number of undergraduates participating in semester-length, off-campus study among baccalaureate institutions

#2

63%

Students who take part in off-campus study *
**COUNTRIES STUDIED IN**

**Africa**: Cameroon, Ghana, Jordan, Kenya, Madagascar, Morocco, Rwanda

**Europe**: Austria, Azerbaijan, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom

**Middle East**: Egypt, Israel

**Asia**: China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Mongolia, Nepal, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam

**Oceania**: Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, New Zealand, Samoa

**North America**: United States

**Caribbean**: Cuba, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Jamaica, Montserrat, U.S. Virgin Islands

**South America**: Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador, Peru

**SELECT OFF-CAMPUS STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

- **ECONOMIC PRINCIPLES AND ANALYSIS**

- **INTERDISCIPLINARY EXPLORATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES IN WOLLONGONG, AUSTRALIA**
  - At the National Institutes of Health laboratory in Maryland, U.S.

- **HISTORY, CULTURE, AND POLITICAL LIFE IN UGANDA**
  - In Freiburg, Germany.

- **CULTURE AND LANGUAGE IN MADRID, SPAIN**
  - In Freiburg, Germany.

- **INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTAL AND NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**
  - In Wollongong, Australia.

- **ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISM IN THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**
  - In Freiburg, Germany.

- **CONSTITUTIONAL PROCEDURES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS OF POLITICAL PARTIES, CONGRESS, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, AND THE LEGISLATION IN WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.**
  - In Freiburg, Germany.

- **THE LEGACIES OF CARROLUP IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA**
  - In Wollongong, Australia.

- **CABINET AND CONSERVATION OF MARINE MAMMALS IN FLORIDA KEYS, U.S.**
  - In Wollongong, Australia.

- **CONSPICUOUS RESEARCH AT THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH LABORATORY IN MARYLAND, U.S.**
  - In Wollongong, Australia.

- **FILM AND MEDIA ECOSYSTEM IN NEW YORK CITY, U.S.**
  - In Wollongong, Australia.

- **COGNITION, BEHAVIOR, AND CONSERVATION OF MARINE MAMMALS IN FLORIDA KEYS, U.S.**
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Colgate loves the outdoors, and it sure tends to attract students who feel the same way. The University’s outdoor education program is regarded as one of the nation’s best. For first-time students, it begins even before they do; more than a quarter of incoming students take a pre-orientation trip in the New York wilderness, hiking, climbing, and paddling with trained leaders. That symbolizes a commitment to get people outside, have fun, and earn credit in natural settings around the region. Outdoor classes capture the driven nature of Colgate students. The lessons learned — leadership, teamwork, personal growth — capture Colgate itself.

Colgate is also committed to protecting the environment. In 2019 it became the first college or university in New York to be carbon neutral — meaning it offsets its own greenhouse gas emissions by reducing or removing emissions elsewhere, such as by planting trees that absorb carbon as they grow.
Chapter 3
Community
What makes living at Colgate so uncommon is what the University does to give first-year and second-year students something in common: a community within a community. Beyond the hall in which they live, students belong to one of four Residential Commons, groupings that allow them to have support, make friends, and feel connected early in their college life. The activities are optional, but they usually draw a crowd: weekly dinners with faculty, ski trips, study groups, trivia nights, provocative discussions, weekend brunches. This is part of how Colgate prepares people for life. Living in a close community means learning the skills of empathy, sociability, flexibility, and respect for others. Beyond the commons, most every student lives in Colgate housing, an offering that is guaranteed for all four years.
Inclusivity

Opportunities abound for Colgate students to explore, understand, and appreciate culture and identity. Because of this, students can learn to make connections and communicate well across their different experiences, identities, and backgrounds, which can help build a stronger community and empower students to embrace and celebrate their strengths and those of their peers.

Student-favorite ALANAPalooza, hosted by the Africana, Latin, Asian, and Native American (ALANA) Cultural Center, kicks off Colgate’s academic year. Brown bag lunches offer a platform to discuss challenging topics. Today’s leaders and activists are special guests on campus, sitting down for dinner, joining classes, offering thoughts and insights. These countless activities and resources — and the staff, faculty, and peer mentors who support them — bring a diverse community together in the spirit of personal growth and discovery.

Support and Resources

Each Colgate student is paired with an administrative dean and a faculty adviser, who help them navigate student life and academics. The support builds from there. Students are surrounded by resources that focus on their health, safety, and success and aid in their personal and academic growth. These include:

- Shaw Wellness Institute
- Student Health Services
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Counseling
- Haven: Sexual Violence Survivor Support
- 24/7 Campus Safety

Diversity, equity, and inclusion leader and educator Dr. Eddie Moore Jr. delivered the keynote address at Colgate’s MLK Celebration.

Sample Cultural and Inclusivity Programs

- AntiRacism
- Blue4Q LGBTQ+ Awareness Game
- Empower: Student of Color Support Group
- Heritage Month Celebrations
- Lambda Lavender Graduation LGBTQ+ Family Dinners
- LGBTQ+ History Month and QueerFest
- QTPOC Unity
- VISION: Multicultural Group Leader Meetings

First@Colgate

Every year more than 300 first-generation students pursue their degrees at Colgate. The First@Colgate program supports first-generation students and their families in taking advantage of everything that Colgate has to offer.
It starts on arrival day. As first-year students pull onto campus, fellow students stand atop the stone Colgate University marker as a welcoming committee — banging pots and pans, cheering on the new students, and prodding them to honk their horns if they love Colgate. That is what students do: they love Colgate. They are serious about learning and about having fun, and they chose a school that embraces both. They are passionate and ambitious. They channel that drive into everything. Colgate students seek out connections, share warm hellos on the walk to class, and feel part of this university for life. They create a whirl of energy. That is Colgate spirit.
Alumni

Even by college standards, where many universities have proud and passionate followers, the alumni of Colgate are more than loyal. They are famously loyal. And that means the students of Colgate can count on support from one of the most inspiring and successful group of leaders in America. Colgate alumni provide mentoring, internships, and constant engagement with undergraduates, tailored right down to their areas of interest.

At more than 35,000 strong, Colgate alumni are leaders of business, literature, finance, entertainment, and more. Each year, dozens return for a weekend devoted to giving career counsel to Colgate sophomores — just one of many examples of how Colgate alumni are involved and invested in the alma mater they love.

Academics
Michèle Alexandre ’96, civil rights scholar, dean of Loyola University Chicago School of Law, and professor of law;
Denniston Reid ’94, co-chief executive officer at Excellence Community Schools;
Kevin Ross ’94, president of Lynn University;
Andrea Maldonado ’97, founder and director of international admissions at the National Student Leadership Conference;
Dre Finley ’13, inaugural dialogue facilitator at Williams College.

Arts
Joe Berlinger ’83, Academy Award–nominated, and Peabody- and Emmy–winning filmmaker;
E. Garrett Bewkes IV ’10, publisher of National Review;
Amanda Terkel ’04, politics managing editor at NBC News;
Julie Cohen ’86, director of RBG, nominated for Best Documentary Feature at the 2019 Oscars;
Chris White ’91, executive producer of the Academy Award–nominated film Minding the Gap and documentary series POV and America ReFramed;
winner of multiple Emmy Awards.

Athletics
Rob Stone ’91, lead studio host at FOX Sports;
Mark H. Murphy ’77, president and CEO of the Green Bay Packers;
Tad Brown ’86, CEO of Harris Blitzer Sports and Entertainment, including the 76ers;
Kiira Dodsill ’09, plays professionally for the Metropolitan Riveters of the National Women’s Hockey League;
Adonal Foyle ’99, 13-year NBA player, entrepreneur, philanthropist, and CEO of Adonal Foyle Enterprises.

Business and Entrepreneurship
Silvia Alvarez ’96, acting communications director at Major League Baseball Players Association;
Jenna Kramer ’10, policy researcher, RAND Corp;
Samantha Radocchia ’11, co-founder of Chronical Inc.;
Tim Spence ’01, Digital Banker of the Year (American Banker), president and CEO at Fifth Third Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio;
Jon Sendach ’98, executive director, North Shore University Hospital;
Carmine Di Sibio ’85, global chairman and CEO of Ernst & Young;
Nick Kokonas ’90, founder and owner of Alinea, Next, The Aviary, and Roister; founder and CEO of Tock, Inc.

Media and Publishing
Jennifer Levene,bruno ‘94, SVP, group publishing director, and chief revenue officer, Hearst Magazine;
Kristin Koch ’05, editor in chief of Seventeen Magazine;
Bob Woodruff ’83, correspondent at ABC News;

Politics and Advocacy
Amy Dudley ’06, senior advisor at Shef;
Maggie Dunne ’13, founder of LakoLa Children’s Enrichment;
Peter Feldman ’04, commissioner of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission;
David Kusnetz ’09, of counsel at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher L.L.P.

Nicol Turner Lee ’90, senior fellow, governance studies and director, Center for Technology Innovation at the Brookings Institution;
Robin Sobelman ’08, co-chief of the public corruption unit at the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of NY.

Science and Tech
Spencer Charles ’11, product operations manager at Google Inc.;
Matthew Culbreth ’09, associate creative director at Peloton;
Jason Rand ’07, global travel brand partnerships at Pinterest;
Clarissa Shah ’10, managing counsel at LinkedIn;
Debra Locastro ’05, strategy and operations for Google Ads.

MOSAIC VOLUNTEERS
Colgate’s Mosaic initiative connects multicultural alumni with current Colgate students, providing students with an opportunity to learn from alumni, especially in career development and networking.

ALUMNI CAREER VOLUNTEERS
Colgate alumni play an active role in career development and networking opportunities by offering internship programs, job shadowing, mentorship, and more.

35K November Colgate alumni globally

PROFESSIONAL NETWORKS
Colgate’s 10 professional networks are powerful sources of student-alumni connections and career programming. Students participate in events such as the Michael J. Wolf ’60 Conference on Medical Education; Be the Change Weekend, illuminating socially conscious paths under the Common Good Network umbrella; and producing and creating unscripted TV under the Marketing, Media & Communications Network.
Chapter 4

Pursuits
Athletics help define Colgate — its drive, spirit, and ambition. Belonging to and succeeding in Division I NCAA athletics attracts outstanding student-athletes and unites so many people. It reflects Colgate’s excellence as a top American school and distinguishes it from smaller liberal arts colleges. And that is just the start of what sport means at Colgate. For the hundreds of students who take part in intercollegiate athletics, even more sign up for club or intramural sports for fun, fitness, and competition. From the friendly games to the fierce ones, Colgate’s sport culture welcomes all, as athletes and fans, at the highest levels and for all levels.
Arts

In all its stirring forms, the arts come alive at Colgate. They reflect the characteristic spirit of the students who come here wanting to explore and engage. That spirit is why the most beloved event on campus is Dancefest, a packed-house performance of student groups. Music, theater, dance, writing, film, and art allow students to develop a fuller sense of who they are. They bring that imagination into everything else they study. Colgate fosters this exploration in the arts through the majors and minors it offers, in the clubs and concerts it sponsors, in the performers it hosts on campus. The rhythms of every day run through the arts.
Clubs

**Academic and Languages**
- Bollywood Dance Group
- Broad Street Records
- Chinese Dance
- Clay Club
- Colgate Ballet Company
- Colgate Ballroom
- Dancers
- Colgate Dance Initiative
- Colgate Dance Team
- Colgate Dichords
- Colgate Painting and Drawing Club
- Colgate Raider Pep Band
- Colgate Resolutions
- Colgate Tap Troupe
- Cosplay Photography Club
- Crafters Club
- Creative Arts Society
- DDT
- FUSE Dance Company
- Groove Dance Troupe
- Latin American Dance
- Mantiphondrakes
- Masque and Triangle

**Chemistry Club**
- MELANATED
- Photography Club
- Shock Dance Group
- Sipsam Dance Group
- Swinging’ Gates
- Symphonic Band
- Wolfpack
- Wood Turning Club

**Culture**
- African Student Union
- Arabic Culture Club
- Arabic Language
- Culture Club
- Armenian Student Association
- Black Student Union
- Blue Diamond Society
- Brothers
- Caribbean Student Association
- Cheese and Culture Club
- Chinese Interest Assn.
- Colgate Coffee Association
- Colgate International Community
- Colgate Japanese Cultural Club
- Colgate Open Discussion Club
- Colgate Student Coalition
- Colgate Vietnamese Society
- French Club
- German Club
- Her Campus Colgate Italian Club
- Korean Culture Assn.
- LAMBDA
- Latin American Student Organization
- Minority Association for Premedical Students
- Model Arab League
- Organization of the Asian Sisters in Solidarity
- Russian Club
- Sisters of the Round Table
- South Asian Culture Club
- Tea Club

**Entertainment**
- Beyond the Board
- Charred Goosebeak
- Chess Club
- Colgate Anime Society
- Colgate Film Society
- Colgate Poker Club
- Colgate Quiz Bowl
- Colgate Smash Club
- Colgate Stand Up Go+

**Faith-Based/Spiritual**
- Colgate Buddhist Community
- Colgate Christian Athletes
- Colgate Christian Fellowship
- Colgate Jewish Union
- Colgate Newman Community
- Hindu Students Assn.
- Muslim Students Assn.
- Orthodox Christian Fellowship
- Secular Assn. of Skeptical Students
- Sojourner’s Gospel Choir
- University Church

**Greek Life**
- Beta Theta Pi
- Delta Delta Delta
- Delta Upsilon
- Gamma Phi Beta
- Inter-Fraternity Council
- Kappa Kappa Gamma
- Panhellenic Council
- Phi Delta Theta
- Phi Kappa Tau
- Theta Chi

**Philanthropy and Community Service**
- American Heart Assn.
- American Sign Language
- Amnesty International
- Black Bridge Mentorship Program
- BRITE - Sheburne-Earlville Tutors
- Broad Street Association
- Chalilah for Hunger
- Circle K
- Colgate Buddies
- Colgate Caretakers
- Colgate Global Health Coalition
- Colgate Hunger Outreach Project
- Do Random Acts of Kindness engAGE
- ESL Tutors
- Friends First
- Friends of Hamilton Manor
- Habitat for Humanity
- Hamilton Central School Elementary Tutors
- Hamilton Central School Secondary Tutors
- Hamilton Fire Fighters
- Hamilton Outdoor Group Letter Project
- Liberty Kids
- M+Ms
- Madison Craft Club
- Madison EMS
- Madison Mentors
- Madison Tutors
- Morrisville-Eaton Elementary Tutors
- Morrisville-Eaton Secondary Tutors
- North Broad Street Grads
- North Broad Street Tutors
- Ophelia’s Girls
- Pet Pals
- Rotaract
- SAT Prep Sidekicks
- Southern Madison County Volunteer
- The Network
- Utica Refugee Tutors We Are Enough

**Politics**
- Colgate Political Review
- Colgate Socialist Association
- Colgate Vote Project
- College Democrats
- College Republicans

**Sports and Recreation**
- Aikido Club
- Anglers Society
- Berehealing Club
- Colgate Esports Club
- Colgate Golazos
- Disc Golf Club
- Grapplers Club
- Hiking Club
- Ping Pong Club
- Recreational Golf Club
- Ski & Snowboard Club

**Student Government**
- 2024 Class Council
- 2025 Class Council
- 2026 Class Council
- 2027 Class Council
- Colgate Activities Board
- Senior Honor Society

**Sustainability**
- Green Earth Gang
- Green Thumbs
- Students for Environmental Action

**Wellness**
- Dumpling Club
- Public Health Initiative
- The Real Food Project

**Creative and Performing Arts**
- Aerial Arts Club
- Afro-Beat Belly Dancing Club
- American Sign Language
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Volunteering

Colgate believes that those who lead should help others. The students who come to Colgate embrace that belief in social responsibility. They serve the community because of how it feels to know they are making the world better. Their activities help them see real life in a way that broadens what they learn in class. And what they do really makes a difference — tens of thousands of hours tutoring students, helping the elderly, putting out fires, mentoring kids. Colgate’s service learning is rooted in its mission to develop thoughtful leaders who seek to strengthen the larger community. This commitment is backed up by Colgate’s bustling hub of volunteerism, which makes it easy for students to learn how and where to help.
Chapter 5
Where Colgate Is
Location

In the center of New York, in a town known as one of the friendliest in America, Colgate offers the best of college life. A short walk down the hill is charming Hamilton, a village of about 3,800 people, where most of the Colgate faculty live. The town is like an extension of Colgate, from the stores run by alumni to the landmark Colgate Inn that amounts to a front door to the University. Hamilton is the spot for students to get off campus and grab a slice, catch a movie, browse the bookstore, and enjoy a weekly farmers’ market. Weekend getaways are a reasonable drive away: the foothills of the Adirondack Mountains in 40 minutes; the Syracuse Hancock International Airport in one hour; and Boston, Philadelphia, and New York City all within four to five hours.
The seasons create a stirring sense of place at Colgate. More than a backdrop, they are at the forefront of a campus that embraces every element of the year. Just as Colgate's lawns and wooded paths define the landscape, just as Colgate’s stately buildings reflect the sweep of history, so are the seasons an active player in Colgate's story.

**Fall** brings incredible views of the foliage from the Sky Bridge at Persson Hall, apple picking in nearby orchards, and the first walk up the hill to start the academic year.

**Winter** brings out the best of Colgate's rugged spirit, where snowballs fly, Willow Path is aglow in thousands of lights, and students grab a spot to study by the fireplace in the student center.

**Spring** means blossoming trees, rugby on Academy Field, classes outside, ultimate Frisbee next to Taylor Lake, and students grabbing the best study spot: an Adirondack chair on the quad.

**Summer** is bursting with greenery, cherished reunions, sports camps, a writers’ conference, and a film seminar. Hundreds of students do creative projects with faculty.

**Seasons**

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Chapter 6
Where Colgate Is Headed
Vision

Colgate is deeply proud of who it is. And it is ever driven to be even more — the finest undergraduate institution in America and one of the premier universities in the world. Pursuing the Third-Century Plan, Colgate cultivates a dynamic culture of intellectual rigor. This school is for extraordinary students whose minds are alive with possibility. It is for faculty who transform lives as they teach. It is for those who want a global perspective as they shape their own. This is a school of first choice for students who expect rigorous classes, brilliant faculty, a campus of enduring beauty, and an assurance they will learn to thrive in work and in life. This is Colgate.

The Third-Century Plan

A long-term framework to guide the University as it achieves the highest fulfillment of its mission.

The first-initiative highlights:

Making a Colgate education within reach for the best students from all economic backgrounds: The Colgate Commitment eliminates or adjusts tuition based on a family's income level, significantly reducing student debt for eligible domestic students.

Expanding Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: A great institution is a diverse institution. Colgate embraces its obligation to welcome and support students of different socioeconomic backgrounds, races and ethnicities, and religions on campus.

Building on a multiyear effort to arrange our first- and second-year students in meaningful Residential Commons: Colgate's Residential Commons system is grounded in the desire for every student to have a strong foundational community from the first day — a place where they experience tradition and build class unity.

Launching the Robert Hung Ngai Ho Mind, Brain, and Behavior Initiative (MBBI): Through the cross-disciplinary MBBI, innovative faculty and student collaborations (ethics + biology; neurology + linguistics) will push the boundaries of our understanding of brain function at multiple levels.

Redeveloping Middle Campus to focus on arts, creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurship: Long-term development of this region of campus will set a new standard for the teaching and expression of the arts, creativity, and innovation within a liberal arts context.

Restoring the campus tree canopy and landscape: Colgate is carefully stewarding one of its most precious assets — its campus — by sustaining and strengthening the natural and built environments, and continuing its efforts toward environmental sensitivity and green practices.
Facts

1819
Year of founding

575
Acreage of campus

56
Number of majors

STUDENT BODY

3,206
Undergraduate students

11 graduate students

1,793 female students
1,413 male students

9%
International students

1,793 female students
1,413 male students

77
Countries represented on campus

1978%
From outside New York

25%
Domestic students of color

13%
First-generation college students

FACULTY

345
Faculty

95%
Faculty with PhD or highest degree in their field

24%
Faculty of color

CLASS OF 2027 PROFILE

21,130
Applications from 50 states, D.C., and 152 countries

807
Enrolled

9%
International students

25%
Domestic students of color

56% female students
44% male students

THE COLGATE COMMITMENT

91%
Graduation rate, among the highest in the nation

98%
Percentage of last year’s class who secured jobs, admission to graduate schools, fellowships and scholarships, military or volunteer service within nine months of graduation

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FINANCIAL AID

100%
Colgate fully meets the demonstrated need of all admitted students.

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2023–24 Cost of Attendance

Tuition $66,622
Student activities fee $402
Room (residence hall) $8,108
Meals (premier gold) + $8,682
Total $83,814
Est. personal expenses/books, course materials, supplies, and equipment $3,256

Average four-year debt incurred by a Colgate student is $10,577

Average financial aid package for the Class of 2027 is $61,810

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Application Deadlines

Nov. 15: Early Decision I
Jan. 15: Regular Decision; Early Decision II

Colgate accepts the Common Application, Coalition Application on Scoir, and QuestBridge Application. Use the links provided on our website, colgate.edu/apply.