

MCLA

My College. Right from the Start.

Admission Application and Information

Reminder:

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Early Action applications due
- **February 1**
Submit Free FAFSA application and MCLA financial aid form by this date

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

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Application for Undergraduate Admission

As the public liberal arts college of Massachusetts, MCLA offers students a quality liberal arts education, a caring and supportive community as well as a commitment to access and affordability. As a member of the Massachusetts State University System, MCLA admission standards are determined by the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education and recognize students who have achieved academic success.

Questions regarding admission can be directed to (800) 969 MCLA or (413) 662 5410, or you may email us at admissions@mcla.edu.

Early Action: Option for Fall Admission Only

First year applicants who wish to apply early for admission to MCLA may submit their complete application package by December 1st to the Office of Admission. Early action is non-binding and provides students with an early admission decision without obligation to enroll.

Fall Regular/Rolling Admission

MCLA operates on a rolling admission cycle. The Office of Admission reviews fall applications from December through the spring term. First year applicants are encouraged to apply in November of their senior year, once first quarter grades are posted. All applicants should apply early to ensure availability of classroom space, housing, and consideration for scholarships and financial aid.

Spring Admission

Students interested in enrolling at MCLA for the spring term should apply for admission no later than December 1. Admission for spring is determined by space availability in both residence halls and major programs.

Applicant Types and Required Credentials

First Year Applicants

- Official high school transcript, including first quarter senior grades (Verification of high school diploma must be received prior to enrollment.)
- SAT I or ACT scores
- Personal Statement/Essay
- List of out-of-classroom activities, awards, etc.

Transfer Applicants (12 or more transferable credits of college-level coursework)

- Official college transcript(s) from each institution attended
- Verification of high school graduation/high school transcript (if no Associate's Degree)
- Resumé or list of out-of-classroom activities, awards, etc.

Adult Learners (out of high school three or more years, with no college credit)

- Official high school transcript verifying graduation or GED test scores
- Resumé or list of previous life experiences
- Personal Statement/Essay/Interview

Re-admit Students (students who have previously attended MCLA as a matriculated student)

- Official transcripts of coursework completed after leaving MCLA
- Interview recommended or may be required based on previous MCLA academic record

International Students: Non-US Citizens

- Secondary school transcript and/or college transcripts translated and evaluated in English
- TOEFL or ELPT scores (English Language Proficiency Test)
- SAT I or ACT scores
- Certificate of finances and affidavit of support (available online at www.mcla.edu/international)
- Personal Statement/Essay

Honors Program

Invitations to participate in MCLA's Honors Program will be sent during the spring term to accepted students who qualify. Students may contact the Office of Admission or the Coordinator of the Honors Program for more information:

www.mcla.edu/honors

Housing/Residency Requirement

MCLA requires that all traditional aged students live on campus for three years. Adult learners and commuting students who live at home are exempt from this requirement. For more information regarding the residency requirement, please contact the Office of Admission.

Financial Aid

To apply for financial aid, students must complete the FAFSA, available at www.fafsa.gov. Financial Aid can be used to pay for tuition, fees, books, transportation, and other educational expenses. We strongly encourage you to apply for Financial Aid. If you need help with your financial aid application or college financial planning, please contact the Financial Aid Office at (413) 662 5219.

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MCLA Codes
CEEB code: **3521**
ACT code: **1908**
FAFSA code: **002817**

LAST NAME FIRST NAME M.I. MAIDEN NAME

MAILING ADDRESS: NUMBER & STREET

CITY OR TOWN STATE ZIP CODE

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TELEPHONE: HOME CELL*

EMAIL

*By providing your cell phone number you authorize MCLA to send you text notifications throughout the admission process. If you do not wish to receive text messages, please check here:

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

Gender: Male Female

Planned Date of Enrollment:

Fall semester 20 ____

Spring semester 20 ____

Early Action Option: (see description)

Yes No

Applicant Type:

- First Year
- Transfer student (12 credits or more)
- Re-admit (previously attended MCLA)

Attendance Type:

- Full time (minimum 12 credits per semester)
- Part time (11 credits or fewer per semester)

Housing Type:

- On-campus
- Commuter

Athletic Interest:

- Men's baseball
- Men's basketball
- Men's cross country
- Men's golf
- Men's soccer
- Men's tennis
- Women's basketball
- Women's cross country
- Women's soccer
- Women's softball
- Women's tennis
- Women's volleyball

Are you a U.S. Veteran?

Yes No

Massachusetts Resident:

Yes No

IF NO, STATE OF RESIDENCE

Citizenship:

- United States Citizen
- International (Please indicate country of citizenship)

COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP

- Permanent Resident (Please indicate country of citizenship and enclose a copy of your permanent resident card or green card.)

ALIEN REGISTRATION #

Is English your primary language?

Yes No

IF NO, HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU STUDIED ENGLISH?

NATIVE LANGUAGE

Ethnic Background:

Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin?

Yes No

Check all that apply:

- African-American/Black
- Asian/Asian-American
- Cape Verdean
- Caucasian/White
- Native American/Alaskan Native
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

Are you interested in the Individual Enrichment Summer Bridge Program?

(see description)

Yes No

If yes, check one:

- I have enclosed an Individual Enrichment Summer Seminar application.
- I will be sending an Individual Enrichment Summer Seminar application.

Admission to Academic Majors

MCLA admits students directly to a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science program at the time of admission. Students may choose a concentration at the time of admission or anytime during their enrollment.

Students pursuing Teacher Licensure must choose a liberal arts major (see programs with * on application form) along with an education major (early childhood, elementary, middle school or secondary). Massachusetts Licensure is reciprocal with most states including our neighboring states of Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont. Teacher Licensure candidates must meet additional criteria in order to pursue Massachusetts Teacher Licensure once enrolled at MCLA.

For more information contact the Education Department at (413) 662 5381 or the Office of Admission at (413) 662 5410.

Uncertain of your major?

Students who are unsure as to their major have the option of applying for admission as Undeclared. While most students declare a major by the end of their first year, MCLA requires that students declare a major before reaching 60 credits. The Center for Student Success and Engagement offers resources to students who are exploring majors and provides academic advising for undeclared students.

Individual Enrichment Summer Bridge Program

First Year Students Only

A four-week bridge program, the Individual Enrichment Summer Seminar is an intensive academic residential program which provides an option for students who do not meet the admission standards of the College. Space in the program is limited and applicants are evaluated on academic achievement, standardized test scores, extracurricular activities, and other personal qualities that indicate potential for college success. Applicants must display appropriate academic need in order to participate in the seminar. Successful completion of the summer seminar guarantees and requires enrollment at MCLA for the following year. The seminar is cost-free for participants who meet at least one of these federal guidelines: low income, first-generation college student, or person with a physical or learning difference. Those who do not meet one of the eligibility requirements will still receive free room and board, but will pay expenses associated with the academic program.

If you are interested in the program, please download an Individual Enrichment Summer Seminar application online and include it with your application to MCLA.

www.mcla.edu/iesummer

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High School and/or Preparatory Schools Attended/Attending:

NAME OF SCHOOL & CEEB #	CITY & STATE	DATES ATTENDED	GUIDANCE COUNSELOR & SCHOOL #
1. _____			
2. _____			

Standardized Test Requirements and Dates: (First Year Only)
It is the responsibility of each first year applicant to provide officially reported SAT I or ACT scores. MCLA's CEEB number is 3521 and our ACT code is 1908.

Please indicate the testing dates for these examinations:

SAT I: _____ SAT I: _____
MONTH/YEAR MONTH/YEAR

ACT: _____ ACT: _____
MONTH/YEAR MONTH/YEAR

Any student may claim an SAT/ACT exemption if you have a documented learning difference and submit appropriate documentation of your disability in lieu of SAT test scores, in accordance with Chapter 766 of the Massachusetts Acts of 1972. (Please review www.mcla.edu/ld for more specific information.) Place a check below if you wish MCLA to consider additional information relative to this law.

Yes, I wish to request an SAT/ACT exemption based on the law above.

Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations:

Please list all Advanced Placement courses that you are presently enrolled in and examinations you expect to take prior to enrollment at MCLA. Official examination score reports must be sent directly to MCLA.

College Information:

All students with college credit must complete this section and have official transcripts from each institution attended sent to the Office of Admission. Please list all colleges below, beginning with most recent college attended.

Total number of colleges attended: _____

INSTITUTION	CITY & STATE	DATES ATTENDED	DEGREE AWARDED

Are you presently enrolled in a college?

Yes No If yes, how many credits? _____

Are you planning to take summer courses prior to MCLA enrollment?

Yes No

Have you previously attended MCLA?

Yes No If yes, what year/semester(s): _____

Highest Degree: (held at time of enrollment in MCLA)

- High School Diploma
- GED (High School Equivalency) Year received: _____
- Associates Degree from a Massachusetts Community College
- Other Associates Degree
- Bachelors Degree
- Masters Degree
- Other: _____

Intended Area of Study: Bachelor of Science (B.S.) and Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Programs
Please place a ✓ in the appropriate box indicating the major and concentration and/or Teacher Education program that you wish to pursue at MCLA. Students who are unsure of their academic program should choose Undeclared. Those seeking Teacher Licensure must select a liberal arts major in conjunction with the education major (see those programs with *). Interdisciplinary Studies majors may design their own areas of study.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Art, B.A. <input type="radio"/> Arts Management, B.A. <input type="radio"/> Athletic Training, B.S. <input type="radio"/> Biology, B.S.* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Biotechnology <input type="radio"/> Cytotechnology <input type="radio"/> General Biology <input type="radio"/> Medical Technology <input type="radio"/> Pre-Physical Therapy <input type="radio"/> Pre-Professional <input type="radio"/> Business Administration, B.S. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Accounting <input type="radio"/> Business <input type="radio"/> Business Information Systems <input type="radio"/> Event & Sport Management <input type="radio"/> International Business <input type="radio"/> Management <input type="radio"/> Marketing <input type="radio"/> Chemistry, B.S.** <input type="radio"/> Computer Science & Information Systems, B.S. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Education, B.S. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Early Childhood (pre-K – 2) <input type="radio"/> Elementary (1 – 6) <input type="radio"/> Middle School (5 – 8) <input type="radio"/> Secondary (8 – 12) <input type="radio"/> English/Communications, B.A.* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Broadcast Media <input type="radio"/> Corporate Communications <input type="radio"/> Film Studies <input type="radio"/> Journalism <input type="radio"/> Literature <input type="radio"/> Public Relations <input type="radio"/> Writing <input type="radio"/> Environmental Studies, B.A.* <input type="radio"/> Fine & Performing Arts, B.A. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Art <input type="radio"/> Arts Management <input type="radio"/> Music <input type="radio"/> Theatre <input type="radio"/> History, B.A.* | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Interdisciplinary Studies, B.A.* (student created programs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Cross Cultural & Social Justice Studies <input type="radio"/> Mathematics, B.A.* <input type="radio"/> Philosophy, B.A.* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Law, Ethics & Society (pre-law advising) <input type="radio"/> Physics, B.A.,* B.S. <input type="radio"/> Political Science & Public Policy, B.A. <input type="radio"/> Psychology, B.A.* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Behavior Analysis <input type="radio"/> Sociology, B.A.* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Anthropology <input type="radio"/> Child & Family Studies <input type="radio"/> Criminal Justice <input type="radio"/> General Sociology <input type="radio"/> Health, Aging & Society <input type="radio"/> Social Work <input type="radio"/> Undeclared* |
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**pending approval

Financial Aid:

MCLA is committed to keeping your identity secure. It is recommended that you provide your social security number if you plan to apply for financial aid. Failure to do so could result in delays in processing your award. Your social security number is protected and will not be used as a primary identification number.

Social Security Number:

_____ - _____ - _____

Please select the option below that best describes your plans to complete a FAFSA. This information will have no impact on whether you are admitted to the college.

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| <p><input type="radio"/> I plan to apply for federal, state, and institutional financial aid and will complete the FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> I plan to apply for federal, state, and institutional financial aid, but I need help from the Financial Aid Office to complete the FAFSA.</p> | <p><input type="radio"/> I will contact the Financial Aid Office at at (800) 969 MCLA, (413) 662 5219, or finaid@mcla.edu for assistance.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> I do not plan to apply for federal, state, or institutional financial aid at this time.</p> |
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Disciplinary and Criminal Conviction Information: (all applicants)

Have you been placed on disciplinary or academic probation, suspended, or dismissed from your high school or college for any reason?
 Yes No

If yes, please enclose a detailed explanation as well as documentation from your school/college.

Have you been adjudged a youthful offender or been convicted of a felony?
 Yes No

If yes, please provide a detailed explanation and supporting legal documentation of the circumstances.

Family Information: (please mark the appropriate category for each)

I. Parent Guardian Spouse : Male Female

LAST NAME FIRST NAME M.I.

HOME ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

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HOME PHONE EMAIL

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EMPLOYER WORK PHONE

HIGHEST DEGREE HELD

II. Parent Guardian Spouse : Male Female

LAST NAME FIRST NAME M.I.

HOME ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

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HOME PHONE EMAIL

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EMPLOYER WORK PHONE

HIGHEST DEGREE HELD

Please list names of relatives who have graduated from MCLA:

All applicants:

I hereby certify that the information I have provided about my academic and personal history, including state of residence, is accurate and complete. Failure to disclose any required information may result in denial or cancellation of admission or enrollment. Official transcripts of all academic records must be provided at the time of admission. By signing this document, I authorize the release of any additional information to MCLA (including academic transcripts from high school or college) needed to complete my file.

I have enclosed the \$35.00 application fee:

- Check
 Money order

APPLICANT SIGNATURE DATE

Programs of Study

- Art, B.A.
- Arts Management, B.A.
- Athletic Training, B.S.
- Biology, B.S.
 - Biotechnology
 - Cytotechnology
 - General Biology
 - Medical Technology
 - Pre-Physical Therapy
 - Pre-Professional

- Business Administration, B.S.
 - Accounting
 - Business
 - Business Information Systems
 - Event & Sport Management
 - International Business
 - Management
 - Marketing

- Chemistry, B.S.*
- Computer Science & Information Systems, B.S.
- Education, B.S.
 - Early Childhood (pre-K–2)
 - Elementary (1–6)
 - Middle School (5–8)
 - Secondary (8–12)

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- English/Communications, B.A.
 - Broadcast Media
 - Corporate Communications
 - Film Studies
 - Journalism
 - Literature
 - Public Relations
 - Writing

- Environmental Studies, B.A.
- Fine & Performing Arts, B.A.
 - Art
 - Arts Management
 - Music
 - Theatre

- History, B.A.
- Interdisciplinary Studies, B.A. (student created programs)
 - Cross Cultural & Social Justice Studies

- Mathematics, B.A.
- Philosophy, B.A.
 - Law, Ethics & Society (pre-law advising)
- Physics, B.A., B.S.

- Political Science & Public Policy, B.A.
- Psychology, B.A.
 - Behavior Analysis
- Sociology, B.A.
 - Anthropology
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Minors

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| Anthropology | Cross Cultural & Social Justice Studies | Music |
| Art | Economics | Philosophy |
| Art History | English | Physics |
| Arts Management | Environmental Studies | Political Science |
| Behavior Analysis | Geography | Psychology |
| Biology | Health, Aging & Society | Public & Local History |
| Business Administration | History | Social Work |
| Canadian Studies | Information Technology | Sociology |
| Chemistry | Literature | Spanish |
| Child & Family Studies | Marketing | Sport Coaching |
| Computer Science | Mathematics | Theatre |
| Criminal Justice | | Women's Studies |

Personal Statement/

Essay: (optional for Transfer applicants)

We encourage you to use this essay to provide us with information that is not reflected elsewhere in your application. Please provide a 250–500 word essay on a subject of your choice, or tell us why you are interested in attending MCLA.

List of activities/resumé:

(Please submit on a separate sheet.)

Important Dates for Fall Admission

December 1

Rolling admission cycle begins. Early action applicants reviewed.

December 15

Notification of early action acceptances begins.

January–May

First year and transfer applications are evaluated and decisions are completed on a daily basis.

February 1

Students should submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by this date. The MCLA financial aid form will be sent directly to each applicant and should also be mailed by this date.

March 1

Financial Aid Priority Review Date: Award letters will be mailed to students who are eligible for financial assistance. Award letters will continue to be mailed on a rolling basis to students applying late.

May 1

Accepted students are encouraged to submit a non-refundable deposit indicating their intention to enroll at MCLA.

May–August

The Office of Admission continues to receive and evaluate applications for the fall semester based on space availability. Financial aid awards are based on eligibility and availability of funds.

Spring Semester

Enrollment Students interested in entering MCLA in the spring term must submit their admission application and all academic credentials by December 1. The Financial Aid deadline for the spring term is December 15.

Statement on Diversity

MCLA is committed to attracting students from diverse backgrounds and strongly believes in the value of a campus that reflects a variety of cultures. MCLA is an academic community dedicated to the ideals of justice, caring, and respect in the pursuit of academic excellence.

As such, the College seeks to:

- Promote the establishment of a diverse college community in which people maintain open minds.
- Foster tolerance and respect for each individual's cultural background.
- Facilitate students' appreciation of a pluralistic society and world.
- Stress acceptance, civility, and communication among all persons.
- Provide global experiences that enable our students to function in an increasingly interdependent world.

Statement on Non-Discrimination

MCLA prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, creed, religion, color, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, veteran status, marital status or national origin in any aspect of its employment; in the recruitment, admission and treatment of students; and in its policies and programs, as supported by federal and state laws and regulations.

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Application Checklist

- Application for Admission**
Please print clearly and make sure that all questions are answered accurately. (Check that you have included your intended major and signature.)

- Application Fee \$35.00**
Check or money order payable to MCLA
Apply online at www.mcla.edu/apply

- Official Transcripts**
First Year: Official high school transcript including first quarter senior grades
Transfer: Official transcript(s) from each college attended and high school transcript (if no Associate's Degree)

- Personal Statement**
(optional for Transfer applicants)

- List of Activities/Resumé**

- SAT I or ACT Scores**
First Year: Please send copies of your official score report indicating all score results.

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