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Dear Parents and Families:

Welcome to Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. We are the Commonwealth’s public liberal arts college, and a U.S. News & World Report Top Ten public liberal arts college.

I look forward to getting to know our new students as they continue their educational journeys at MCLA. This promises to be an exciting and successful academic year, one in which we will celebrate the opening of a new academic building, the MCLA Center for Science and Innovation!

At MCLA, students learn from a dedicated and talented faculty. These professionals are invested in student success and engagement. They challenge students to set and achieve ambitious goals for themselves. Through this work, MCLA students create the foundation on which to begin a career or move on to graduate study fully prepared to excel and succeed.

Students at MCLA work closely with faculty members in class and participate with them in research projects, internships, study away trips, and service learning projects outside of the classroom. This connection between instruction and practice strengthens and refines students’ critical thinking, communication, and leadership skills. This is the strength of the outstanding public liberal arts education MCLA provides, and a hallmark of our educational and student life community.

Beyond academics, MCLA students have opportunities to apply their skills through participation in campus clubs and organizations, theatre, athletics, and community service projects. Through these experiences, students make even greater connections between what they learn and what they do. They will make lifelong friends here, and they will make a significant difference to the campus community and the community at large. We know this class will leave their mark on MCLA just as the classes who came before them have done, and we look forward to watching them learn and grow here.

We accomplish all of this while living in the beautiful Berkshire Hills of western Massachusetts, at the heart of a vibrant cultural and artistic community with a natural environment that provides unrivaled opportunities to enjoy a wealth of outdoor activities.

Please enjoy your visit to MCLA, and the rest of your summer. I look forward to welcoming all our new students to campus in the fall. I know they will arrive prepared for the challenges and opportunities of the coming year. The pace will be quick, but we are confident that the entering class will be ready to meet those challenges and enjoy those opportunities, right from the start!

Sincerely,

Mary K. Grant, Ph.D.
President
The Parent & Family Resource Center supports the interests of the parents and families of MCLA students. The Center provides information during summer orientation, creates a network of parents and families, and facilitates the connections of parents and families with one another.

The MCLA Family Council is a voluntary association of parents and other family members of MCLA undergraduate and graduate students. MCLA Family Council serves to promote a sense of community among parents and enlist participation in various efforts supporting the goals of the College including the following:

• Provides a venue for parents and other family members to share news about the College.
• Enriches student life through programs that are consistent with the goals of the College, such as Fall Family Weekend.
• Assists in Office of Admission recruitment efforts.
• Supports MCLA through gifts to the Annual Fund, providing much needed resources for our students.

Three easy ways to sign up:
1. Fill-out the registration form during the orientation program.
2. E-mail theresa.obryant@mcla.edu for more information.
3. Telephone the MCLA Parent/Family Resource Center at (413) 662-5231.
Degree Options

Art, B.A.
Arts Management, B.A.
Athletic Training, B.S.
Biology, B.S.
   Allied health
   biotechnology
   general biology
   medical technology
   pre-physical therapy
   pre-professional
Business Administration, B.S.
   accounting
   business
   business information systems
   event management
   international business
   management
   marketing
   sport management
Chemistry, B.S.
Computer Science and Information Systems, B.S.
Education, B.S.
   early childhood (pre k-2)
   elementary (1-6)
   middle school (5-8)
   secondary (8-12)
English/ Communications, B.A.
   broadcast media
   corporate communications
   film studies
   journalism
   literature
   public relations
   writing
Environmental Studies, B.A.
Fine and Performing Arts, B.A.
   art
   arts management
   music
   theatre
History, B.A.
Interdisciplinary Studies, B.A.
   (student-created programs)
   cross-cultural & social justice studies
   women's studies
   leadership minor
Mathematics, B.A.
Philosophy, B.A.
   law, ethics & society
   (pre-law advising)
Physics, B.A., B.S.
   Physics, B.A./Engineering, B.S.
      (3+2 program with UMass Amherst)
Political Science and Public Policy, B.A.
Psychology, B.A.
   behavior analysis
Sociology, B.A.
   anthropology
   child & family studies
   criminal justice
   general sociology
   health, aging & society
   social work
Masters of Education (MEd)
   with several options for concentrations:
   Initial licenses for teaching in the following levels/content areas:
      Early Childhood Education
      Elementary Education
      Middle School General Science
      Middle School Humanities
      Middle School Mathematics/Science
      Middle School or Secondary Biology; Chemistry;
      English; History; Mathematics; Physics;
      Political Science; Moderate Disabilities; Reading
      Specialist (second or additional licence only)
   Specialist in:
      MCLA also offers graduate courses in the following areas that can be used towards both the M.Ed.
      and professional licensure; English, History,
      Mathematics, Science and Health, Coaching and Physical Education.
      Administrative licensure is offered in the following areas: principal/assistant principal; superintendent/
      assistant superintendent, supervisor/director
Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in Educational Leadership (CAGS) with concentrations in:
   Administration; Special Education Administration; Reading; Curriculum
Professional Masters in Business Administration (PMBA)
Located in the Multicultural Education Resource Center, the ALANA and International Student Programs and Services Department promotes the development of the MCLA community and its many cultures across campus and in the region. Students of all backgrounds and heritages join this community and help foster our multicultural learning arena. The department establishes and enhances College programs promoting student success and awareness of personal cultural identity. Programs and services are offered throughout the year and are open to everyone.

The Amsler Campus Center is one of the focal points for our students and College-wide activities. It is the hub of student life outside the classroom. The Campus Center houses a diverse array of student services; and recreational facilities including the swimming pool, fitness center, gymnasium, handball/racquetball and squash courts, many of the athletic offices and physical education classes, athletic training lab, dance complex, athletic training room and locker rooms. The Campus Center is also home to the Centennial Dining Room, the College Bookstore, the Information Desk, the P.O.D. Market, Subway, the Trailblazer Café, campus lounge space, and a variety of meeting rooms.

The MCLA Department of Athletics strives to inspire an atmosphere of excellence in both the athletic and the academic settings, provides opportunities to compete at the intercollegiate level, and fosters and promotes leadership in the College’s community.

The MCLA Department of Athletics’ mission integrates the philosophies of the College, the NCAA, and Division III. Through a comprehensive approach, the Athletic Department fields competitive and successful athletic teams while supporting and honoring the MCLA mission and traditions. In addition to athletic performance success, the department’s primary focus is based on the total development of the student-athlete and the synergistic relationship between athletics and academics. Intercollegiate competition is an integral part of the total educational experience and participation in athletics teaches valuable skills used in society and the work environment.

The MCLA Department of Athletics also believes that participation in the College and the local communities is an important part of the total development of each student-athlete. This involvement increases the engagement among student-athletes, staff, and the surrounding community. This service involvement develops leadership skills and adds to pride on campus as it creates an appreciation for community support of the athletics programs at the College.

Our coaches are role models who demonstrate a commitment toward the academic and athletic development of every student-athlete. We encourage each student-athlete to strive for academic excellence while creating a competitive atmosphere based on a strong work ethic, fair play, loyalty, mutual respect, trust, and teamwork.

The MCLA Bookstore is operated by the Follett Higher Education Group. The MCLA Bookstore carries all textbooks, course related supplies, and materials needed by students to complete their course work, in addition to insignia clothing, gifts, and dorm essentials. The Bookstore makes every effort to provide as many used textbooks as possible. Students are also invited to participate in the textbook rental program, which can save students up to 50% off the cost of purchasing. Café Scribe is the e-book service through the Bookstore.

The Bookstore offers special services to students including check cashing and text special ordering and accepts all major credit cards, cash, checks, and financial aid cards. During the academic year, the Bookstore provides on-campus check cashing of personal checks up to $100 and student payroll checks up to $200. Gift cards are also available.

More information about how students can pre-order books and course related materials and have them shipped or held at the Bookstore for pick-up when students arrive on campus can be found online at www.mcla.bkstr.com.

Summer hours:
Monday through Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Academic Year hours:
Monday & Tuesday 8:30 am – 5:30 pm
Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Friday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
The Center for Service empowers students to combine traditional course work with civic engagement. In doing so, students enrich their academic learning, strengthen professional development, enhance leadership skills, and make a positive difference on campus and in the community. Some of the programs include: S.T.I.C.S. (Student Teacher In-Class Support), the Write Stuff (youth literacy program), Adams Youth Center (drop-in support), BART Tutoring (academic tutoring support for local middle/high school students) and the Pathways Program (inspiring local youth to stay in school). The Center also coordinates the LEAD Academy Program (a college success and civic engagement program for incoming students), Spring Break Community Service trips (Mexico, Kentucky, Belize, Navajo Nation, Gulf Coast, etc.). Community Days of Service, Clothing Drives, and more. The Center offers paid positions for student community service program coordinators and service scholarships; such as the AmeriCorps Student Leaders in Service scholarship and the Steve Green Civic Engagement Award.

**L.E.A.D. ACADEMY: Leadership in Education, Action and Development**

LEAD Academy prepares freshmen to excel at MCLA and distinguish themselves as leaders. LEAD workshops and activities explore leadership, college success, personal and professional growth, teambuilding, civic engagement, and much more. This five-day summer program is an excellent chance for students to jumpstart their MCLA career and bond with fellow student leaders and staff.

The 2013 LEAD Academy runs from August 3rd to August 7th. The cost of the program is $225.00. Scholarships are available. This covers all expenses (room and board, transportation, and activities fees). To learn more or apply to the program, contact The Center for Service at MCLA at 413-662-5251, spencer.moser@mcla.edu, or visit www.mcla.edu/Student_Life/community/centerforservice/leadacademy

**Center for Student Success and Engagement**

www.mcla.edu/csse
Eldridge Hall – top level
success@mcla.edu
(413) 662-5400

The MCLA community is defined by collaborative relationships designed to assist, educate, and empower students with both in and out-of-class experiences. In recognizing the importance of interactions between the student and the campus environment, we take a holistic approach to cultivating student success. The Center for Student Success and Engagement involves the integration of multiple services, offices, and programs in providing resources to students and faculty. In establishing a family of services, support, and enrichment, we aim to enhance success and engagement for all MCLA students. Connections with the First Year Experience program and Peer Advisors strengthen our ability to identify and appropriately intervene in giving support to students. Enrichment programs such as mentoring, major exploration, and life after MCLA deepen the undergraduate experience. The following are the individual offices that form the Center for Student Success and Engagement.

**Academic Support Resources**

www.mcla.edu/learningresources
Eldridge Hall – top level
(413) 662-5400

We provide academic support for students at MCLA through programs designed to enhance abilities in needed areas. These services include:

**Services for Students with Disabilities**

www.mcla.edu/Academics/academicresources/learning

**Individual Enrichment Program Summer Session**

www.mcla.edu/Academics/academicresources/learning
(413) 662-5389

**The Tutor Exchange Network (TEN)**

www.mcla.edu/Academics/academicresources/learning
(413) 662-5314

**Writing Associates/STEM Associates**

www.mcla.edu/Academics/academicresources/learning
(413)662-5309

**Placement Testing**

www.mcla.edu/Academics/academicresources/learning/placementtesting
(413) 662-5386

**Academic Support**

http://www.mcla.edu/Academics/academicresources/learning
Eldridge Hall- top level
(413) 662-5400

Academic Support provides help to students already enrolled in the College, college-bound high school students, all of whom may need training or enhancement of basic skills. This is done in various ways, including tutoring, peer writing instruction, placement testing and accommodations for students with documented learning disabilities.
Whether one is a first-year, transfer or returning student, MCLA presents challenges and valuable opportunities. Advising Services at MCLA provides academic support for students navigating the transition from orientation through graduation. As a primary academic resource on campus, we approach advising as a collaborative process for assisting, educating, and empowering members of the campus community. In doing so, Advising Services can help students make informed educational, career, and life decisions. Advising Services provides information about College policies and procedures to enhance the accessibility of information to current as well as prospective students. We also offer up-to-date information to students, faculty, and staff on general matters, academic advising and other college services. Advising Services facilitates appropriate referrals for MCLA students to academic support services such as tutoring, writing assistance, non-traditional student programs, counseling, career services, and support services for students with learning disabilities. Particular attention is given to students on academic probation or who are identified as academically at-risk. Advising Services also coordinates academic services and registration for undeclared students, adult learners, and other non-traditional students. Evening appointments are available to those students who attend classes after 5 pm.

Students are encouraged to begin working with Career Services in their first semester at MCLA. Career Services helps students and alumni assess and explore personal interests, values, and skills. The office also assists students with decisions regarding graduate school and careers. Career Services identifies employment opportunities both on and off-campus. An internship bank is accessible to all students so they may see where past MCLA students have gained experience. Study abroad and study away programs are also coordinated through this office.

Computer Support Services provides support for the wide variety of technology services offered at the College. The technology infrastructure that is supported includes: College owned computer systems; the campus network; various technology enhanced classrooms; an E-Campus communication system called First Class; and Canvas for online course work. The Computer Help Desk, which is part of Computer Support Services, provides technical support for the campus by acting as a phone center and a drop-off point for repairs to laptops purchased through MCLAs Laptop Initiative program.

Counseling Services provides support to students in achieving their academic and personal goals. There is no charge for services. Counseling Services office hours are Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:45pm. The office is open until 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays when fall and spring semester classes are in session. Students seen by one of our counselors may be referred to our consulting psychiatrist for medication evaluation and management if necessary.

Students come to Counseling Services to discuss a variety of personal matters: life transitions, managing depression, anxiety, substance use, concerns about family members, coping with individual difficulties, improving academic performance (e.g. decreasing test anxiety or managing time effectively) or to seek information to help a friend. Counseling groups that offer support or focus on a specific topic are offered as needs arise.

Consultation for Parents
Parents are welcome to call Counseling Services to discuss a specific concern, learn more about services, or ask questions about the transition to college. Even in cases where we are unable to share personal information about a student’s work with us because a signed release is necessary, a member of our staff will listen to parents’ concerns and help explore options. If a student sees a clinician at home, that clinician should continue to be part of the student’s support system. Counseling Services encourages collaboration with other professionals to assist students while at college. Students who are in therapy prior to attending MCLA are strongly encouraged to meet with a counselor at MCLA as soon as possible to provide continuity of care. In cases where a student needs services in addition to what Counseling Services provides, referrals to appropriate resources are available.
Dining Services
www.mcla.campusdish.com
Campus Center – 1st Floor
(413) 662-5239

ARAMARK Dining Services provides a Meal Plan program with flexibility, convenience, and value in mind. The convenience of traditional “all-you-care-to-eat” meals at breakfast, lunch and dinner combined with the flexibility of Declining Balance point spending in our Bowman Grab and Go and Campus POD, Trailblazer Café and Subway retail locations. First year residential students participate in a meal plan. This meal plan provides students with 270 all-you-care-to-eat meals per semester. In addition, students receive $150 Declining Balance points, $25 Blazer Bucks and five guest meals. Commuter students are encouraged to buy an all declining balance plan for $270 and receive $25 in bonus bucks for a total $295 points. Residential and commuter students may add additional money to their meal plan at anytime.

Financial Aid Office
Eldridge Hall – 1st Floor
www.mcla.edu/aid
(413) 662-5219

The Financial Aid Office is committed to providing financial assistance to eligible MCLA students. MCLA follows a nationally accepted philosophy in administering financial aid programs. The basis of this philosophy lies in the belief that the family has a responsibility to meet as much of the cost of attending college as is reasonably possible. Financial aid is awarded on the basis of a family’s demonstrated need. Those students whose need is greatest receive priority in the awarding procedure if they meet published application deadlines. In order to meet an individual student’s need, the Office of Financial Aid employs a combination of grant assistance and self-help (loans or part-time employment). If the financial aid award is not sufficient to cover all of the educational costs, students may wish to consider borrowing a supplemental loan such as the Federal Direct PLUS Loan, Student Alternative Loans or the MEFA Loan offered by the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority. Eligibility for all loans is based on credit history and separate application materials must be completed. We encourage families with questions concerning the awarding of financial aid, alternative financing options or with special circumstances to contact the Financial Aid Office for more information.

Fitness Center
www.mcla.edu/Student_Life/campuscenter/fitnesscenter
Amsler Campus Center – 2nd Floor
(413) 662-5257

MCLA has a commitment to the health and well-being of all students, faculty, and staff. The MCLA Fitness Center includes TRX Suspension Trainers, Cybex and Lifefitness weight machines, Magnum and Kiser exercise bicycles, Lifefitness treadmills, elliptical trainers, Concept2 rowing machines, free weights, and a wide variety of body weight equipment. The Fitness Center is open year around.

Freel Library
www.mcla.edu/library
Freel Library
(413) 662-5321

Freel Library provides resources and services to promote life-long learning and help MCLA students succeed academically. The library offers research assistance, comfortable space for individual and collaborative study, and wireless access throughout. More than 156,000 books, 72,000 e-books, and 11,000 streaming videos, along with a noteworthy local history and archives collection, enrich learning and teaching. The library offers 24-hour remote access to over 63 research databases, which include full-text articles from over 30,000 online journals on the library’s website. In addition students may request books online from 150 C/W MARS libraries and receive interlibrary loan materials from all over the country.

Health Services
www.mcla.edu/health
Hoosac Bank Student Wellness Center
(413) 662-5421

Student Health Services provides a broad range of health care to students. These services include: assessment and treatment of acute health care issues, laboratory services, gynecological examinations and contraceptive counseling, travel recommendations, selected immunizations before enrollment, nutrition counseling, prescriptions, health counseling and education, and referrals to off campus health care specialists. The staff is also available as a resource for both personal and research related health information. The Health Services staff functions as a team and includes a medical assistant, three nurse practitioners, and a physician. Our approach to health care is holistic, exploring emotional, intellectual, spiritual, social, and physical issues that may affect well-being. The goal of Student Health Services is to educate students to become informed health care consumers, to develop healthy lifestyles, and to assume greater responsibility for their own health and well-being. Most visits to Student Health Services are covered
under the general student fees. Charges will be generated for laboratory tests performed by an offsite laboratory. These charges will be billed to the student's health insurance plan by the laboratory.

A health insurance policy providing basic health care coverage is required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Unless a waiver showing proof of comparable insurance is submitted, the Office of Student Accounts will automatically bill for student health insurance. Information regarding student health insurance and the waiver form can be accessed through the health services web site www.mcla.edu/health.

Each student carrying a course load of over 8 credits is required to submit a completed health form to the Student Health Services Office in order to prevent delay and/or invalidation of registration for classes. The health form includes a physical examination which has been completed within one year prior to admission. The Immunization Law of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires that students provide proof of specific immunizations. These requirements can be viewed on the Health Services web site www.mcla.edu/health.

MCLA is committed to protecting medical information of our students. The College complies with the policies and practices of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA). All campus Health Care Providers post our Notice of Privacy Practices, per HIPPA regulations. If you have questions regarding our privacy practices or student rights under HIPPA, please contact the Director of Health Services.

**North Adams Regional Hospital**
71 Hospital Avenue, North Adams, MA 01247
(413) 664-5000 www.nbhealth.org

Northern Berkshire’s full service community hospital offers 24-hour emergency services with state-of-the-art diagnostic procedures and highly qualified staff.

**Honors Program**
www.mcla.edu/Undergraduate/Experience/honorsprogram
Mark Hopkins Hall
(413) 662-5379

The **MCLA Honors Program** welcomes students from diverse academic backgrounds who believe themselves capable of working at an honors level (intellectually challenging, interdisciplinary courses that are collaborative and writing-intensive). Interested students may consult with their academic advisor or with the Honors Program Director about participating in the Program. Students may be nominated for the Honors Program by a guidance counselor or high school teacher or, for those with some college experience, by a faculty member. The MCLA Honors Program is always ready to welcome students into the program who wish to stretch their academic wings.

The **Honors Center** is an important place for cultivating our community of scholars. Reserved for use by honors students and faculty for study and meetings, it is a place for students to focus, think, read, learn, and exchange ideas with friends. The Center is open to honors students at all times during the academic year. It is equipped with computers, a television, and a modest but eclectic library of books and reference works. The Center is a comfortable site for receptions for visiting scholars, discussion groups, and honors classes.

**Inter-Greek Council**
http://www.mcla.edu/handbook/yourresponsibilities/15collegeoffices
Amsler Campus Center 315

The Inter-Greek Council (IGC) aims to promote harmonious relations among the two member fraternity and sorority groups following appropriate College standards thereby earning IGC affiliation. The IGC acts as the central governing body for these organizations. The IGC works to manage group development, create education programs, and provide training on hazing prevention. Fraternity and sorority membership is limited to students who are in good standing with the College, and first semester students are not eligible to participate.

The only IGC affiliated organizations are Beta Lambda and Pi Upsilon Pi. Membership in and/or association with fraternities and sororities not affiliated with the IGC is strongly discouraged by the College.

**Intramurals & Recreation**
athletics.mcla.edu/information/intramurals/index
Amsler Campus Center 315
(413) 662-5007

The Intramural & Recreation Program at MCLA is one of the most popular programs on campus. With many sports and events available, students participating in intramurals enjoy taking a break from academic work, making new friends, and competing in a friendly atmosphere. Participation in the programs create opportunities to develop lifetime abilities in leadership, cooperation, self-reliance, fitness, and a sense of fair play. The intramural programs are organized so that people of all abilities can compete in the multitude of activities offered. All programs are open to both men and women.

**Intramural Sports Special Recreation Programs**
Basketball (3v3, 4v4), Dodgeball, Horseback Riding, Flag Football, Bowling, Floor Hockey, Miniature Golf, Indoor Soccer, Golf, Kan Jam, Baggo, Nerf Football, Ping Pong, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball, Whitewater Rafting, and Wiffleball

**Eligibility Rules**
Intramurals are open to MCLA students, faculty, and staff regardless of age, sex, handicap, skill level, or past experience.
The Department of Public Safety’s Campus Police Officers and employees play an important role within the College community by helping to maintain an environment that is safe and conducive for living and learning for all of our community members and guests. The MCLA campus and residence areas are patrolled by sworn, armed Campus Police Officers on foot and in a cruiser 24-hours a day/year round. With 24-hour coverage, they are able to provide assistance at any time for emergencies. The Department of Public Safety – Campus Police is also responsible for enforcing city ordinances and local and state laws; enforcing college rules and regulations; investigating and documenting crimes; report motor vehicle and personal injury accidents along with college violations; Campus Emergency response and notification; management of critical incidents; identify life safety issues; and crime statistic documentation.


MCLA is required by federal law to produce and make available by October 1st of each year, an annual report containing campus safety, security, and fire procedures, as well as statistics related to criminal offenses and fires reported to the police and College officials for the last three consecutive years. The MCLA Department of Public Safety – Campus Police prepares and distributes this report to comply with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act. We work with many other campus departments and outside agencies, such as Residential Programs & Services, the Student Affairs Division Office, the North Adams Police and Fire Departments and the Massachusetts State Police, to compile the information contained in it. Specifically, campus crime, arrest, and referral statistics include those reported to the MCLA Department of Public Safety – Campus Police, designated Campus officials, and local law enforcement agencies noted above. Fire statistics include those reported to the MCLA Department of Public Safety – Campus Police, designated campus officials, and local fire agencies noted above. The MCLA Department of Public Safety – Campus Police encourages all current and future members of our community to use this report as a guide for safe practices both on and off campus. Each campus community member, prospective student, and prospective employee receives a notification either through U. S. mail, campus mail, or campus email that describes the report and provides locations where it can be accessed. The full text of this report can be downloaded at www.mcla.edu/Student_Life/publicsafety/clairereport.

Emergency Notifications & Timely Warnings

In the case of an emergency or other urgent event, students, faculty, and staff will be contacted through a variety of different methods. These may include telephone and cell phone voice calls, cell phone text messages, voice-mail messages, telephone intercom paging, e-mail announcements, campus websites, community postings, local media sources, and direct notification through staff. In order to send your student emergency voice and text messages via their cell phone, they must provide MCLA with their mobile phone information. Please encourage your student to log into: https://banweb.mcla.edu:4445/pls/PRD8/twbkwbis.P WwwLogin and follow the directions provided. The information they supply is confidential, will not be shared, and will only be used to contact them through the system in the event of an emergency. We appreciate your assistance in helping us gain student information that will make this emergency notification system as effective as possible. For more information on MCLA’s Emergency Notification Plan visit: http://www.mcla.edu/Student_Life/publicsafety/emergencynotification

Parking

The Department of Public Safety is responsible for the enforcement of MCLA parking regulations. A valid driver’s license, state vehicle registration and college ID must be presented at the Public Safety Department to receive a parking decal. Students who park on campus do so at their own risk. The College is not responsible for cars parked on College property. The resident student parking distribution process is coordinated through Residential Programs & Services (RPS). Resident students are eligible to apply for an on-campus parking permit. Some returning students receive their parking permits through the spring housing assignment process. All other resident students participate in a parking permit distribution process which takes place during the first week of each semester. The cost for a parking permit is $100 per semester. Commuter students will be issued parking decals from Campus Police permitting them to park in designated commuter parking lots at a cost of $30 per semester on a first come, first serve basis. For more information on parking visit: http://www.mcla.edu/Student_Life/publicsafety/motorvehicle regulations

Shuttle Service – Department of Public Safety

The College provides students with a complementary shuttle service to local retail establishments and entertainment centers throughout northern Berkshire County seven days a week. The route departs from Hoosac Hall and includes grocery stores, department stores, movie theaters, and the Berkshire Mall. On Fridays and Sundays, the shuttle provides transportation to and from the Peter Pan and Bonanza bus terminal at the Williams Inn in Williamstown, MA. The shuttle schedule is distributed by the Department of Public Safety at the beginning of each semester. Shuttle schedules are posted around campus, in the Hoosac Hall Vestibule and on the RPS website. In addition to the Shuttle Service, RPS sponsors
buses to Boston on the following weekends: Columbus Day, Veteran’s Day, President’s Day, Patriot’s Day and Thanksgiving and Spring Recesses. Specific dates and times for the bus trips along with information about how to register and pay is available on the RPS website. These buses are subject to signups and will be scheduled based on interest.

Radio Station – WJJW
www.mcla.edu/wjjw
wjjw@mcla.edu
Amsler Campus Center – 3rd Floor
(413) 662-5110

WJJW, 91.1 FM, is a non-commercial, educational FM radio station at MCLA staffed by student volunteers that operate as a Student Government Association-sponsored club as well as serving as the setting for Radio Production and Radio Practicum courses offered by the English/Communications Department.

WJJW serves the MCLA community as well as the Northern Berkshire area as well with a diverse array of programming in various musical genres, educational programming, national and local news and sports. WJJW provides digital streaming on the campus computer network at www.mcla.edu/wjjw.

Office of Student Records
www.mcla.edu/ registrar/
Eldridge Hall – 1st Floor
(413) 662-5216

The Office of Student Records serves as the repository for all student academic information. The Registrar ensures the accuracy, confidentiality, integrity, and security of Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts student records. Students may access their academic records, register for courses, and monitor progress toward their degree online. Services offered by the Office of Student Records are:

- Class scheduling and registration services (adding, dropping & withdrawals)
- Grading and transcript services
- Student enrollment verification
- Graduation and Commencement
- Maintenance and updating of personal data information (e.g., address change, name changes)
- Maintaining release of information waivers
- Veteran Certification—students who are veterans and are eligible for VA benefits information.

Residential Programs & Services (RPS)
www.mcla.edu/housing
Townhouse #89
(413) 662-5249
Fax: (413) 662-5004
E-mail: reslife@mcla.edu

The overall goal of the College housing program is to set the stage for learning by providing a living environment conducive to academic pursuits, personal growth, and the development of friendships. The on-campus living experience is an integral part of the educational process, and MCLA maintains a residency requirement requiring all freshmen, sophomores, and juniors who do not live within the college-designated commuting range to live on-campus. Those students who do live within the designated commuting range are also welcome to live on campus.

MCLA has three residence areas offering a wide variety of housing options for our students.

Berkshire Towers
Berkshire Towers is a suite-style, twin-towered residence area that houses freshmen, transfers, and returning students. Each floor of the Towers has three suites with separate living space for male and female students. Each suite has three to five bedrooms, a bathroom, and lounge. The majority of rooms in the Towers are doubles, however, a limited number of single rooms are also available. Berkshire Towers is smoke-free and alcohol-prohibited.

Hoosac Hall
Hoosac Hall primarily houses freshmen and is ideal for students who prefer living in a traditional residence hall setting. Each of the seven student floors typically has eighteen double rooms, two single rooms, three bathrooms, and two lounges. Hoosac Hall is smoke-free and alcohol-prohibited.

Flagg Townhouse Apartment Complex
The Townhouses are reserved exclusively for transfers and returning students who prefer apartment-style living. Townhouse apartments accommodate five or six students who share a full kitchen, a living/dining area, and private bathroom facilities. Rooms within each apartment are designed to accommodate from one to three students. The Townhouses are smoke-free and alcohol consumption is limited to apartments where all assigned residents are 21 years of age or older.
Student Accounts
www.mcla.edu/Academics/academicresources/bursar/
Eldridge Hall – 1st Floor
(413) 662-5230

The Student Accounts Office is responsible for billing and collection of student charges for tuition, College fees, room, and board. Student invoices are sent each semester and are due 30 days prior to the beginning of each term. If a student’s account is not paid by the due date, a late fee of $75 is imposed and access to housing, meal plans, and transcript requests will be affected. The Student Accounts Office accepts cash, checks, MasterCard, Visa, American Express, and Discover. To pay with a credit card go to www.mcla.edu/studentaccounts. A $25 Returned Check Fee is added to student accounts for each returned check. All grants, scholarships, and loans awarded to students through the financial aid process are disbursed by the Student Account Office according to the federal regulations. Outside agencies sponsoring students such as: Veteran’s Affairs, social service agencies, and local scholarship organizations are billed directly by the Student Accounts Office as long as students provide proper written authorization. MCLA offers a monthly payment plan, which allows students to extend payments instead of paying in two installments. The Student Accounts Office also monitors access to the meal plans offered by campus dining.

Student Development
www.mcla.edu/Student_Life/Student_Development
Campus Center 309, 310, 311, and 318
(413) 662-5252

Student Development is committed to the development of the whole student by offering support services throughout their college experience. Beginning with orientation through graduation, there are many areas of involvement and growth.

Resources include:
- a First Year Experience Program,
- Peer Advisors, Student Government Association, Clubs and Organizations, Class Councils, Commuter Students opportunities, Student Leadership Conferences, and various educational workshops help to assist individual development and add value to the MCLA student community experience. Our students are offered great opportunities on a daily basis that instill life skills. We create meaningful co-curricular experiences and internships that enrich their lives and often times complement their academic major. Staff strive to improve the quality of campus life through the cultivation of student-staff partnerships based on mutual trust, responsibility, and high expectation. Students are challenged to be activists, taking responsibility for their community, expected to engage in high impact experiences, and they are empowered by involvement in campus leadership and governance.

Peer Advising
http://www.mcla.edu/Student_Life/studentdevelopment/peeradvisors
Amsler Campus Center 309
(413) 662-5102

The Peer Advising (SWAT: Students Working to Assist Transitions) Program is designed to act as a support unit for all First Year Students. The Peer Advising core is made up of ~40 upperclassmen students that have experience in college life and the knowledge about our Campus. It is structured so that First Year Students will receive the following support:

- 3 Peer Advisor/Advisee interpersonal contacts per semester
- 2 Programs per semester to promote academic and college success
- Workshops and seminars focusing on student development
- Special invitations to programs and functions
- Hands on introduction to college life by Peer Advisors during First Days

This group of volunteers are dedicated to helping First Year Students succeed and find their path at MCLA. It is a great program that offers peer support during one of the most difficult years for college students. Peer Advisors are required to make connections with other offices and departments across the Campus as well as interact with Faculty members to ensure success for their advisees.

Programs and resources are created by these connections and used throughout the year. Students are assigned to the Peer Advisors based on their major and co-curricular interests so that immediate connections can be fostered. If you have any questions, or would like to know more about this program, please feel free to contact Celia Norcross, Director of Student Development.

Student Government Association
www.mcla.edu/Student_Life/community/studentgovernment
Amsler Campus Center 316 and 317
(413) 662-5401

SGA is entering its 104th year on our Campus. It was formed in order to facilitate, supervise, and unify matters of campus student governance. Each student pays an activities fee of $300 ($150 per semester). In turn, the SGA administers the Student Activities budget which supports recognized clubs, organizations, the newspaper readership program, and other student centered activities. The SGA, through its governance committees, clubs, organizations, and class councils, offers the College community a wide variety of activities and programs to fulfill educational goals. Several programs involve the North Adams community. This student managed organization provides a means for students to express
themselves in a professional and social environment. Each semester approximately 54 clubs and organizations are under SGA’s supervision and each club is required to comply with SGA regulations.

The SGA Executive Cabinet oversees and supports the Student Senate. Student Senators are elected representatives of the student body, empowered by the SGA to represent the needs of all MCLA students through College governance committees. Senator elections are announced and conducted annually. In addition, Class Officers are elected and work with other SGA divisions to create class related experiences and programs.

**The Susan B. Anthony Women’s Center**
www.mcla.edu/Student_Life/community/womenscenter/
Amsler Campus Center - 3rd Floor
(413) 662-5497

The Women’s Center at MCLA serves as a resource for the entire College community, providing educational development programs, service projects, a newsletter, and community outreach. The Women’s Center houses a small library with academic works which students may use for research projects, presentations or personal reading. The Women Center is the “applied arm” of the Women’s Studies Minor. The Women’s Center also works closely with the student club STAGE (Students Taking Action for Gender Equality) and any student group who may want to collaborate on a project or program.

**Veterans and Service Member Services**
http://www.mcla.edu/Student_Life/studentdevelopment/
veteraninformation/
Amsler Campus Center Room 319
(413) 662-5440

Student Affairs serves as a resource for student veterans and their families by coordinating campus-based and community assistance. Students and their families are encouraged to contact Thomas Alexander for assistance by phone or by email. The Office located on the 3rd floor in the Campus Center, room 319, is open to assist veterans with any academic, personal, social, career, or other college success concerns.

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**Additional Resources**

The Parent and Family Resource Guide is intended to serve as a supplement and not replacement for other key College resources. For additional information about MCLA, we refer you to the following publications:

**Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts Catalog**
This publication contains information on all academic programs and policies as well as a complete listing of faculty, staff, and administration.
www.mcla.edu/Undergraduate/currentcatalog

**Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts Student Handbook**
This handbook of student rights and responsibilities also includes information on the College Student System and student support services. www.mcla.edu/handbook

**The Resident Student Handbook—Guide to Community Living**
This handbook is published each academic year by Residential Programs & Services to acquaint students with guidelines for community living.
www.mcla.edu/Student_Life/campushousing/residentstudenthandbook

**Help Directory for Students**
This annual publication provides the names, locations and phone numbers of campus services.
www.mcla.edu/Student_Life/studentresources/studenthelpdirectory

**What’s Happening**
This weekly calendar published during the fall and spring semesters highlights activities, programs and athletic events. The college website also shows the schedule of activities and programs.

**Student-Athlete Handbook**
The Student-Athlete Handbook is distributed at the NCAA compliance sessions during preseason. The handbook contains all rules and regulations related to participation in athletics.
Community Resources

Overnight Accommodations

**North Adams, MA 01247 (Area Code 413)**
- Blackinton Manor B&B
  - 1391 Mass. Avenue
  - 663-5795
- Holiday Inn - Berkshires
  - 40 Main Street
  - 663-6500
- Redwood Motel
  - 915 State Road
  - 664-4351
- The Inn on East Main Street
  - 182 East Main Street
  - 664-2099
- The Porches Inn
  - 231 River Street
  - 664-0400
- Whitcomb Summit Motel
  - Mohawk Trail (Rte. 2)
  - 662-2625

**Williamstown, MA 01267 (Area Code 413)**
- 1896 House (Barnside & Pondside)
  - Rte. 7
  - 458-1896
- Berkshire Hills Motel
  - Rte. 7
  - 458-3950
- Clover Hill Farm
  - 249 Adams Road
  - 458-3376
- Cozy Corner Motel
  - Rte. 7
  - 458-8006
- Green Valley Motel
  - 1216 Simonds Road
  - 458-3864
- House on Main Street
  - 1120 Main Street
  - 458-3031
- Howard Johnson’s Express Inn
  - 213 Main Street
  - 458-8158
- Journey’s End Lodge
  - 61 Cobbleview
  - 202-802-0880
- Maple Terrace Motel
  - 555 Main Street
  - 458-9677
- Northside Motel
  - 45 North Street
  - 458-8107
- The orchards Hotel
  - 222 Adams Road
  - 458-9611
- The Birches at Steep Acres Farm
  - 522 White Oaks Road
  - 458-8134
- The Villager Motel
  - 953 Simonds Road
  - 458-4046
- Williams Inn
  - Junction Rtes. 2 & 7
  - 458-9371
- Williamstown B & B
  - 30 Cold Spring Road
  - 458-9202
- Williamstown Motel
  - 295 Main Street
  - 458-5202
- Willows Motel
  - 480 Main Street
  - 458-5768

**Adams, MA 01220, Cheshire, MA 01225, Lanesborough, MA 01237, Pittsfield, MA 01201 (Area Code 413)**
- Bascom Lodge on Mt. Greylock
  - 1 Summit Avenue, Adams
  - 743-1591
- Harbour House Inn
  - 725 North State Road, Cheshire
  - 743-8959
- Lanesborough Country Inn
  - 499 S. Main Street
  - 442-1009
- Weathervane Motel
  - 475 South Main Street, Rte. 7
  - 443-3230
- Berkshire Inn
  - 150 W. Housatonic Street, Pittsfield
  - 499-3000
- Best Western Berkshire Hills Inn & Suites
  - 1350 W. Housatonic Street, Pittsfield
  - 442-8714
- Crowne Plaza Hotel
  - West Street, Pittsfield
  - 499-2000

**Charlemont, MA 01339 (Area Code 413)**
- Zoar Outdoor Lodging and Camping
  - 7 Main Street
  - 339-4010

**Pownal, VT 05261, Bennington, VT (Area Code 802)**
- Ladd Brook Motor Inn
  - Rte. 7, Pownal
  - 823-7341
- Harwood Hill Motel
  - Rte. 7A, Bennington
  - 442-6278
- America’s Best Value Inn - Darling Kelly’s
  - Rte. 7, Bennington
  - 442-2322
- Paradise Inn
  - 141 W. Main Street, Bennington
  - 442-8351

MCLA does not endorse or rate these businesses.
Restaurants

Angelina's Sub Shop
Oasis Plaza, North Adams
Weekly Specials 664-0315
Walking Distance 663-8740 (Closed Monday)
American Fare 743-0193
Walking Distance 664-2020 (Closed Wednesday)
Walking Distance 664-4779

Boston Seafood
Oasis Plaza, North Adams
Weekly Specials
Walking Distance
American Fare
Walking Distance
Walking Distance

Bounti Fare 200
Howland Avenue, Adams
Weekly Specials
Walking Distance
American Fare
Walking Distance

Brewhaha 20
Marshall Street, North Adams
Weekly Specials
Walking Distance
American Fare
Walking Distance

Burger King
American Legion Drive, North Adams
Weekly Specials
Walking Distance
American Fare
Walking Distance

Chee's Chinese
13 Columbia Street, Adams
Weekly Specials
Walking Distance
American Fare
Walking Distance

Chef's Hat
905 Simonds Road, Williamstown
Weekly Specials
Walking Distance
American Fare
Walking Distance

China Buffet
37-41 Main Street, North Adams
Weekly Specials
Walking Distance
American Fare
Walking Distance

Chopsticks
412 Main Street, Williamstown
Weekly Specials
Walking Distance
American Fare
Walking Distance

Colonial Pizza
234 Main Street, Williamstown
Weekly Specials
Walking Distance
American Fare
Walking Distance

Coyote Flaco
505 Cold Spring Road, Williamstown
Weekly Specials
Walking Distance
American Fare
Walking Distance

Cozy Corner
850 Simonds Road Williamstown
Weekly Specials
Walking Distance
American Fare
Walking Distance

Desperado's
Rt. 2, Williamstown
Weekly Specials
Walking Distance
American Fare
Walking Distance

Desperado's
Eagle Street, North Adams
Weekly Specials
Walking Distance
American Fare
Walking Distance

Dunkin' Donuts
5 Union Street, North Adams
Weekly Specials
Walking Distance
American Fare
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Dunkin' Donuts
177 Columbia Street, Adams
Weekly Specials
Walking Distance
American Fare
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Dunkin' Donuts
Main Street, Williamstown
Weekly Specials
Walking Distance
American Fare
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Eat To Total Health
14 Ashland Street, North Adams
Weekly Specials
Walking Distance
American Fare
Walking Distance

Freight Yard Pub
Heritage State Park, North Adams
Weekly Specials
Walking Distance
American Fare
Walking Distance

Friendly's
245 State Road, North Adams
Weekly Specials
Walking Distance
American Fare
Walking Distance

Gala at Orchards
206 Adams Road, Williamstown
Weekly Specials
Walking Distance
American Fare
Walking Distance

Golden Eagle
Mohawk Trail, North Adams
Weekly Specials
Walking Distance
American Fare
Walking Distance

Gramercy Bistro
at MASS MoCA, North Adams
Weekly Specials
Walking Distance
American Fare
Walking Distance

Hobson's Choice
159 Water Street, Williamstown
Weekly Specials
Walking Distance
American Fare
Walking Distance

Hot Dog Ranch
310 State Street, North Adams
Weekly Specials
Walking Distance
American Fare
Walking Distance

Hot Tomatoes
100 Water Street, Williamstown
Weekly Specials
Walking Distance
American Fare
Walking Distance

The Hub
55 Main Street, North Adams
Weekly Specials
Walking Distance
American Fare
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Jack's Hot Dog Stand
12 Eagle Street, North Adams
Weekly Specials
Walking Distance
American Fare
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Lickety-Split
at MASS MoCA, North Adams
Weekly Specials
Walking Distance
American Fare
Walking Distance

The Local
Main Street, North Adams
Weekly Specials
Walking Distance
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McDonalds
17 Union Street, North Adams
Weekly Specials
Walking Distance
American Fare
Walking Distance

Mezze Bistro
777 Cold Spring Road, Williamstown
Weekly Specials
Walking Distance
American Fare
Walking Distance

Mill on the Floss
Rt. 7, New Ashford
Weekly Specials
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Moonlight Diner
408 Main Street, Williamstown
Weekly Specials
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Olympic Pizza
Rt. 2, Williamstown
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Papa Gino's
Steeples Plaza, North Adams
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Pappa Charlie's Deli
28 Spring Street, Williamstown
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The Parlor
303 Ashland Street, North Adams
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Pedrin's Dairy Bar
Curran Highway, North Adams
Weekly Specials
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Pitcher's Mound Pub
218 Ashland Street, North Adams
Weekly Specials
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Pizza Works
315 Ashland Street, North Adams
Weekly Specials
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Public Eat and Drink 3
4 Holden Street, North Adams
Weekly Specials
Walking Distance
American Fare
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Red Carpet
69 Park Street, Adams
Weekly Specials
Walking Distance
American Fare
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Richmond Grille
Holiday Inn, North Adams
Weekly Specials
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Subway
1 Main Street, North Adams
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Supreme Pizza
117 Main Street, North Adams
Weekly Specials
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Sushi House
45 Main Street, North Adams
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Water Street Grill
23 Water Street, Williamstown
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Village Pizza*
51 Eagle Street, North Adams
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Williams Inn
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Transportation

Campus Shuttle
The College provides students with a complementary shuttle service to local retail establishments and entertainment centers throughout northern Berkshire County during the academic year.

Please visit http://www.mcla.edu/Student_Life/publicsafety for a schedule of days, times and pick up locations.

Downtown Shuttle

Bike Share Program
The MCLA Bike Share Program provides students, faculty and staff the opportunity to check-out and use a bike. The bikes are used for recreation, to run errands in town, or transportation to internships, community service sites, employment or to events off campus. The Bike Share programs helps MCLA reduce its carbon footprint, promotes healthy exercise and expands the student’s range of opportunities in the region. Bikes are checked out with an MCLA ID card at the MCLA Freil Library in a similar fashion to how other library materials are checked out.

Airports
Albany Airport, Albany, NY (1 hour)
Bradley International Airport, Hartford, CT (2 hours)
Logan International Airport, Boston, MA (3 hours)
New York City Airports (3 hours)

Bus
Berkshire Regional Transit Authority
www.berkshirerta.com/paratransit.php
Berkshire County’s service operates
Monday through Friday from 5:30am to 7:30pm
and on Saturday from 7:55am to 7:55pm.

There are bus routes traveling in North Adams, Adams, Williamstown, Cheshire, Lanesborough, Hinsdale, Dalton, Pittsfield, Lenox, Lee, Stockbridge, and Great Barrington. For more information, call (800) 292-2782 or (413) 499-2782.

Pittsfield Bus Terminal Information (413) 499-2782
Bonanza Bus Lines– (800) 556-3815
Peter Pan Bus Lines– (800) 343-9999

TRAIN
Amtrak
Depot St., Pittsfield, MA
800-872-7245/800-USA-RAIL

Banking
Several banks have branches within walking distance of the College. All offer a variety of services, including checking and savings accounts. We suggest that you compare services and charges before selecting a bank. All local banks will cash personal checks if an account is held with the bank. Listed below is some information on local banks and ATM services.

Adams Community Bank
31 Eagle Street, North Adams, MA 01247 (413) 664-4571
2 Center Street, Adams, MA 01220 (413) 743-0001
93 Park Street, Adams, MA 01220 (413) 743-0001

TD Banknorth
90 Main Street, North Adams, MA 01247 (413) 663-6561

MCLA – ATM (TD Banknorth)
ATM located on the first floor of the Amsler Campus Center near the Trailblazer Café.

Berkshire Bank
37 Main Street, North Adams, MA 01247 (413) 664-4061

Citizens Bank (Stop and Shop In-Store Branch)
876 State Road, North Adams, MA 01247 (413) 662-2166

Hoosac Bank
93 Main Street, North Adams, MA 01247 (413) 663-5353

Landmark Credit Union
131 Ashland Street, North Adams, MA 01247
(413) 664-4926

NBT Bank
331 State Road, North Adams, MA 01247 (800) 292-6634

Check Cashing Service
A check cashing service is available to students at the College Bookstore. There is a limit of $100 on personal checks. Checks must be made out to Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts Bookstore. Student employment and ARAMARK checks up to $250 may be cashed. There is a $0.25 fee to cash paychecks and there is a limit of one check per student per day. A driver’s license
Entertainment

Ashuwillticook Rail Trail
Lanesborough, Cheshire, Adams, MA (413) 442-8928

Images Cinema
50 Spring Street, Williamstown, MA 01267 (413) 458-5612
www.imagescinema.org/

Jiminy Peak Mountain Resort
37 Corey Road, Hancock, MA 01237 (413) 738-5500
www.jiminypeak.com

Main Street Stage
57 Main Street, North Adams, MA 01247 (413) 663-3240
www.mainstreetstage.org

Mt. Greylock Bowl
41 Roberts Drive, North Adams, MA 01247 (413) 663-3761

Natural Bridge State Park
Route 8, North Adams, MA 01247 (413) 663-6392
www.mass.gov/dcr/forparks.htm

North Adams Movieplex 8
80 Rear Main Street, North Adams, MA 01247 (413) 663-6300

The Range Miniature Golf
Route 8, North Adams, MA 01247
Off-Season (413) 281-6528, Seasonal (413) 663-3030

Western Gateway Heritage State Park
115 State Street, North Adams, MA 01247 (413) 663-6312
www.mass.gov/dcr/listing.htm

Windsor Lake
Intersection of Bradley Street and Kemp Avenue
www.northadams-ma.gov/index.php?nav_id=75

Museums and Galleries

Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute
225 South Street, Williamstown, MA 01267 (413) 458-2303
www.clarkart.edu
   French Impressionist, Old Master, American art; special exhibitions; events and programs set on 140 bucolic acres and trails. Kids Free.

MASS MoCA
87 Marshall Street, North Adams, MA 01247 (413) 662-2111
www.massmoca.org
   Housed on a restored 19th century factory campus, MASS MoCA is the largest center for contemporary art including performances year-round.

MCLA Gallery 51
51 Main Street, North Adams, MA 01247 (413) 664-8718
www.mcla.edu/Gallery51

North Adams Museum of History and Science
Building 5A, North Adams, MA 01247 (413) 664-4700
www.geocities.com/northadamshistory

Williams College Museum of Art
Route 2, Williamstown, MA 01267 (413) 597-2429
www.wcma.org
School Year Calendar 2013-2014

September
1-3 New Student Check-In & “First Days” Begins
2 Labor Day
3 Late Registration
4 Classes Begin
12 Add/Drop Period Ends

October
14 Columbus Day
16 Incomplete Deadline
16 Mid-term Warnings
30 End of Withdrawal “W”

November
11 Veterans’ Day
27-29 Thanksgiving Break

December
2 Classes Resume
11 Last Day Class
12 Reading Day
13 Finals Begin
17 Finals End
18 Final Exam Make-Up

January
13 Orientation, Late Registration
14 Classes Begin
20 Martin Luther King Day
23 Add/Drop Period Ends

February
17 Presidents’ Day
25 Incomplete Deadline

March
10-14 Spring Break
17 Classes Resume
19 Mid-term Warnings
28 End of Withdrawal “W”

April
17 Undergraduate Research Conference
21 Patriot’s Day

May
7 Last Day Class
8 Reading Day
9 Finals Begin
13 Finals End
14 Final Exam Make-Up
16 Baccalaureate
17 Commencement
26 Memorial Day