



Bard College at  
**SIMON'S ROCK**

**MCLA**  
MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

The MCLA community offers our support and encouragement to Simon's Rock students and families who may have questions about their educational future and options.

MCLA is committed to providing Simon's Rock students with a clear and equitable pathway for transfer of credits. To support this transition, MCLA will waive all application fees and offer an expedited transfer process upon receipt of a completed online application and all required supporting documents. MCLA will accept all currently matriculated students who are in good academic and judicial standing at Simon's Rock.

### WHAT ACADEMIC PROGRAMS DOES MCLA OFFER?

MCLA offers over 80 programs of study, including Art, Art Management, Biology, Computer Science, Education, English, Environmental Studies, Health Sciences, History, Interdisciplinary Studies, Mathematics, Music Industry & Production, Nursing, Political Science, Psychology, Radiologic Technology, Sociology, and Theatre. Our academic programs also include a rich selection of interdisciplinary minors, a rigorous college-wide honors program, internships, and undergraduate research. MCLA ranks high nationally for small classes, innovative teaching, personal interactions with faculty, and an inclusive and diverse community.

### WHAT WILL IT COST TO ATTEND MCLA?

Estimated Costs for Academic Year 2025-2026:

	<b>INSTATE</b>	<b>NY/NEW ENGLAND</b>	<b>OUT-OF-STATE</b>
TUITION & FEES	\$12,747	\$13,262	\$21,692
FOOD & HOUSING	\$17,136	\$17,136	\$17,136
	<b>\$29,883</b>	<b>\$30,398</b>	<b>\$38,828</b>

Approximately 85% of our students receive some type of financial assistance, primarily as a combination of grants, loans, and part-time employment. When you complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) you automatically apply for a wide range of state, federal, and MCLA assistance, such as Pell Grants, Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants, MASS Grants, the College Work Study Program, and Federal Direct Student Loans.

**Please add MCLA's School Code to your FAFSA: 002187.**

## WILL ALL MY COURSES TRANSFER?

### To ensure a seamless transfer to MCLA:

- **Core Curriculum Waiver:** Eligible Simon's Rock students will not be required to complete MCLA's Core Curriculum (with the exception of the Capstone course) if they meet one of the following criteria:
  - o Completion of the equivalent of MCLA's general education requirements, as reviewed and certified by the MCLA Registrar; or
  - o Completion of all A.A. degree requirements at Simon's Rock.
- **Residency and Credit Flexibility:** MCLA will provide flexibility regarding the minimum number of credits required to be completed at MCLA for degree conferral, including the residency requirement.
- **Individualized Credit Review:** In all cases, MCLA will consider individual circumstances when evaluating transfer credit.

## CAN I LIVE ON CAMPUS?

Yes! MCLA is a residential campus with a minimum three-year housing requirement for undergraduate students. However, this requirement will be waived for Simon's Rock students. Students from Simon's Rock who choose to live on campus must be at least 16 years old, in accordance with MCLA policy. MCLA guarantees housing for all qualified undergraduate students throughout their college experience.

## CAN MY CURRENT ROOMMATE AND I LIVE TOGETHER?

Absolutely! To room with someone specific, both students must request and confirm each other during the Roommate Pairing Process in Self-Service THD, MCLA's housing portal.

## WHAT ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES DOES MCLA OFFER STUDENTS?

The Office of Academic Advising and Support empowers students by providing the knowledge, guidance, and resources they need to make the most of their MCLA experience. We collaborate with each student to help them thrive academically and chart a personalized path to success. Our advisors support prospective and current students by offering academic advising, helping explore major options, mapping how prior coursework and experiences align with the MCLA curriculum, and connecting students with campus resources that foster academic engagement.

For students seeking specific classroom and housing accommodations, please contact our disability resources professionals at 413.662.5334 or [Cindy.Macdonald@mcla.edu](mailto:Cindy.Macdonald@mcla.edu) to schedule a personalized appointment.

**VISIT  
MCLA!**

Campus Tours & Info Sessions for Simon's Rock Students are available:

Monday through Friday:  
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

or email  
[admissions@mcla.edu](mailto:admissions@mcla.edu)  
to schedule another  
time to visit.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

### Admission/General Inquiries

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### Academics/Student Support Services

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### Cost and Financial Aid

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### Counseling Services

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### Housing

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### Wellness Services

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