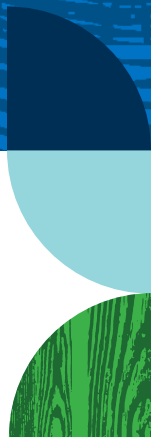


MCLA

**GROW**

**YOUR  
PASSION**

**Environmental Studies at MCLA**





You already understand the challenges we face safeguarding the future of the planet for people and nature—will you be part of the solution?



**THE BERKSHIRES**

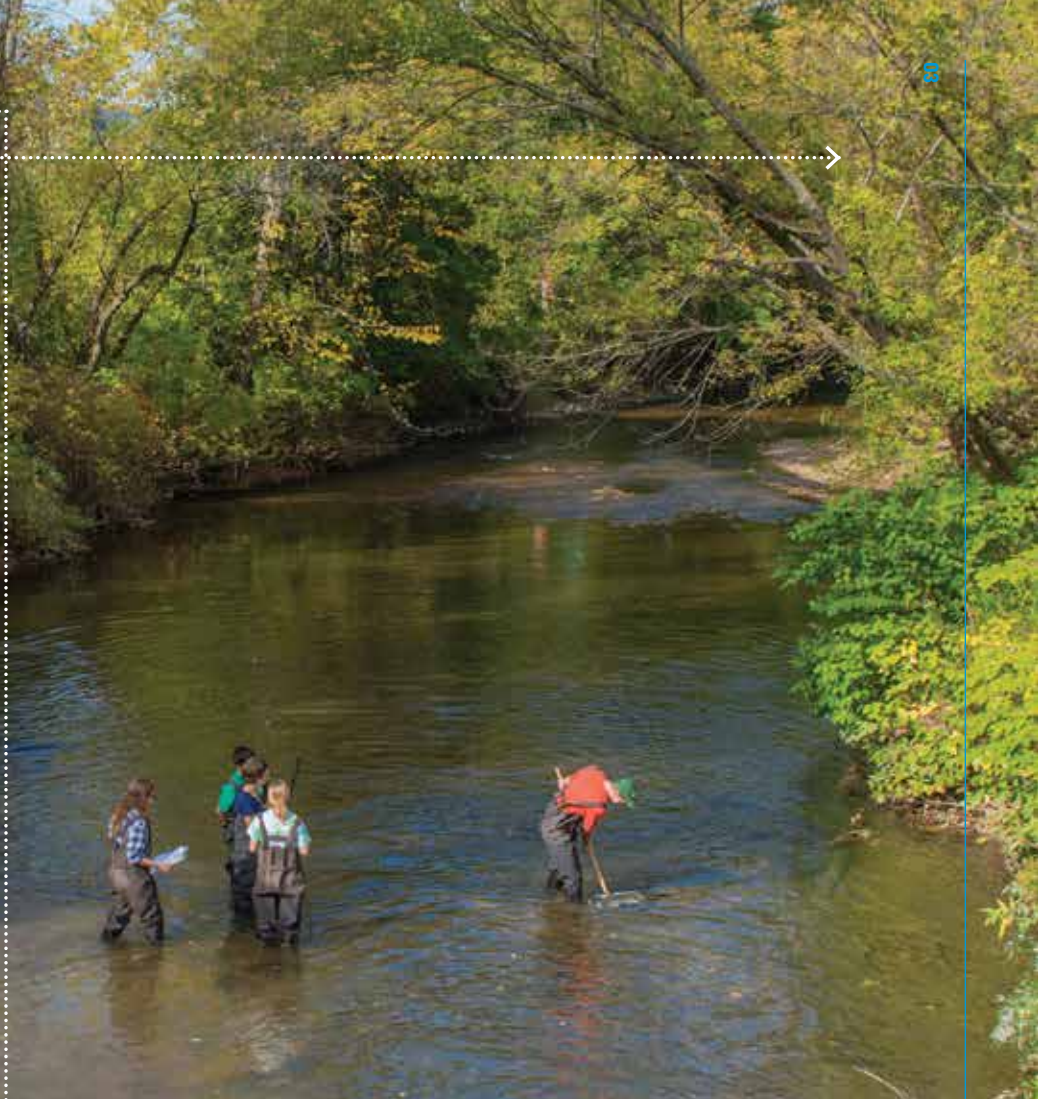
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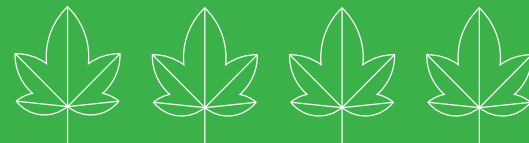


**WE HELP STUDENTS BUILD  
THEIR CAREERS STUDYING,  
PROTECTING, CONSERVING, AND  
ENJOYING THE ENVIRONMENT.”**

—DR. DANIEL SHUSTACK  
PROFESSOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES



Are you looking to be part of a tight-knit  
community of students and professors with  
a passion for environmental conservation?



# HERE

YOU CAN...

## PICK A CONCENTRATION

in Environmental Sustainability or Environmental Science

## LEARN IN SMALL CLASSES

about ecology, sustainability, biology, chemistry, natural history, earth science, and environmental policy

## COMPLETE AN INTERNSHIP OR INDEPENDENT RESEARCH

(along with 100% of our students)

## TAKE HANDS-ON FIELD COURSES EVERY SEMESTER

## COLLABORATE WITH OTHER SUPPORTIVE STUDENTS AND FACULTY MENTORS

## PURSUE YOUR OWN INTERESTS

through elective courses, research and internships

## LIVE IN THE HEART OF THE BERKSHIRE MOUNTAINS

in Western Massachusetts

## START TACKLING REAL-WORLD PROBLEMS

your first semester of college—there are no prerequisites to getting involved with research and internships at MCLA



"I CHOSE THIS MAJOR BECAUSE OF MY LOVE FOR NATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT. OUR WORLD IS UNDER A GREAT DEAL OF STRESS AS IT TRIES TO MITIGATE CLIMATE CHANGE, AND IT IS OUR JOB TO PROVIDE THE BEST CARE WE CAN FOR FLORA AND FAUNA."

—MAXIE RYAN '20  
MAJOR: ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES





# LEARN IT LIVE IT

MCLA students play a central role on the Campus Sustainability Committee.

THE CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE IDENTIFIES OPPORTUNITIES AND COORDINATES ACTION TO:

- ⌚ Reduce Waste
- ⌚ Track and reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- ⌚ Increase the resilience of our food system
- ⌚ Improve water and land management
- ⌚ Increase awareness of these issues on campus

"I COUNT MY GREATEST PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS TO BE THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL SUCCESSES THAT MCLA STUDENTS HAVE ACHIEVED: FINDING AND ELIMINATING SOURCES OF WATER POLLUTION, REDUCING WASTE ON CAMPUS, STRENGTHENING OUR LOCAL FOOD SYSTEM, AND HELPING TO CREATE A MORE SUSTAINABLE DOWNTOWN NORTH ADAMS. I AM ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MORE STUDENTS TO TACKLE THESE CHALLENGES WITH ME."

—**DR. ELENA TRAISTER**  
PROFESSOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES



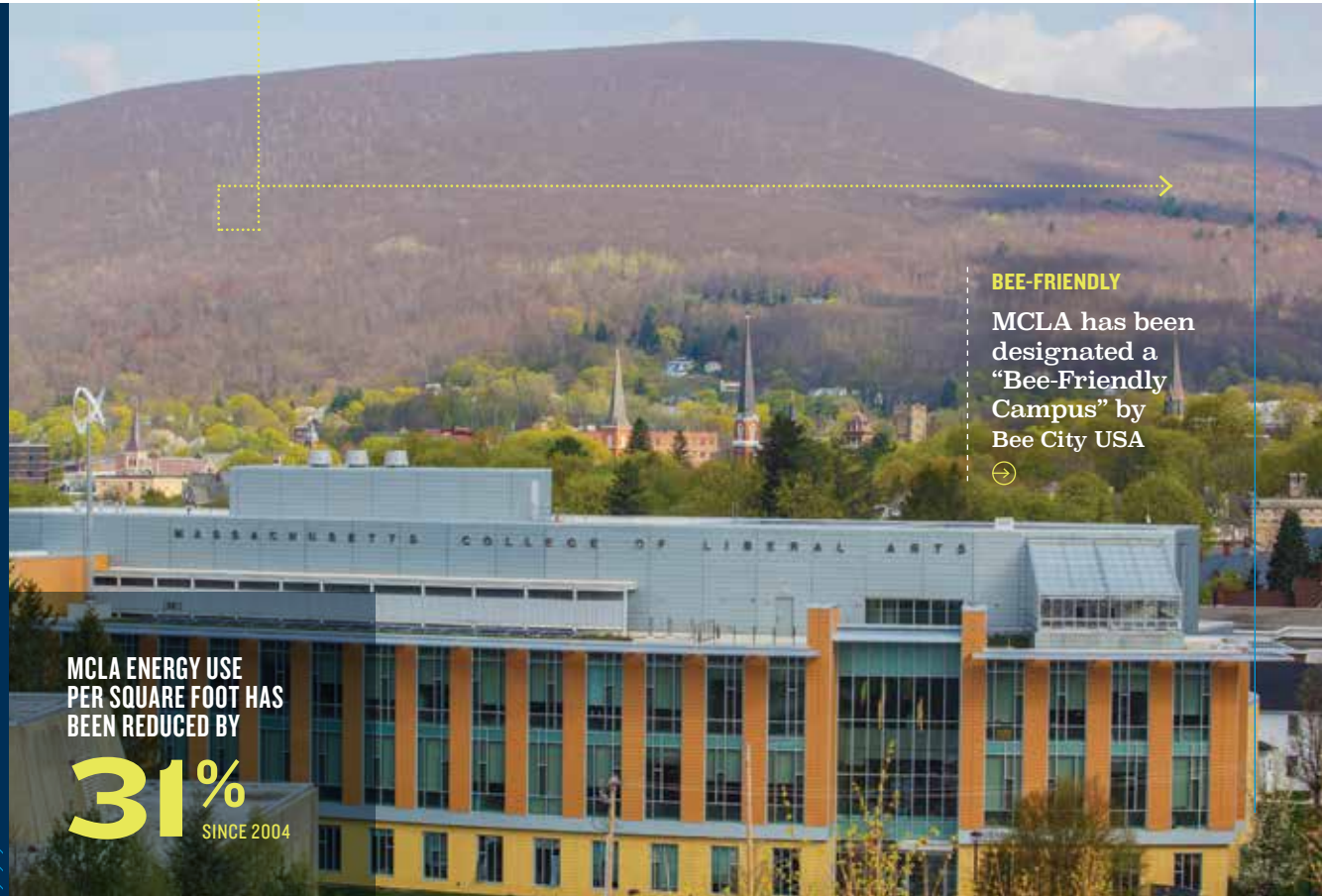
# EXPLORE



MCLA IS LOCATED IN THE HEART OF THE BERKSHIRES, SURROUNDED BY 10,000 ACRES OF SOME OF THE MOST PRISTINE FORESTS IN NEW ENGLAND.

On any given day, our students may be:

- ➔ Sampling fish at Clarksburg State Park
- ➔ Exploring old growth forests in Mohawk Trail State Forest
- ➔ Visiting the boreal forests on Mt. Greylock
- ➔ Mist netting songbirds on the flood plains of the Hoosic River
- ➔ Using trail cameras to sample deer and bears in forests protected by land trusts
- ➔ Snowshoeing into Eugene D. Moran Wildlife Management Area to look for overwintering birds



## BEE-FRIENDLY

MCLA has been designated a "Bee-Friendly Campus" by Bee City USA



MCLA ENERGY USE  
PER SQUARE FOOT HAS  
BEEN REDUCED BY

**31%**  
SINCE 2004

# MAKE

## DISCOVERIES EVERYWHERE

### THINGS TO DO/PLACES TO SEE

MCLA Forest  
Appalachian Trail  
Windsor Lake  
Mount Greylock, the tallest mountain in Massachusetts  
World-class trout fishing  
Whitewater rafting  
Downhill and Nordic skiing  
Ropes courses and other outdoor adventure outfitters

As a National Geographic Top 10 Worldwide Destination, we are home to some of the nation's most notable cultural landmarks.

### CLUBS

The Wildlife Society  
The Outing Club  
Among 50+ clubs and sports teams

### STUDY AWAY/ABROAD

- ➔ Visit unique ecosystems in the high-elevation forests of the Adirondacks or the subtropical Everglades on courses that travel with Environmental Studies Faculty
- ➔ Join other MCLA faculty on courses that travel to South Africa, Peru, China, Colombia, Japan, Mexico, and other international destinations
- ➔ Spend a semester studying in other parts of the U.S., including Alaska and Montana
- ➔ Follow in the footsteps of other Environmental Studies students who have spent a semester abroad in locations such as Kenya, Tanzania, Belize, Canada, Scotland, Australia, and the Czech Republic, among others



"IF YOU WANT TO BE A PART OF A PROGRAM WITH PEOPLE WHO SHARE YOUR INTERESTS, WHO WORK TOGETHER AND LAUGH TOGETHER PRETTY MUCH CONSTANTLY, THE MCLA ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES PROGRAM IS FOR YOU."

—RACHEL DURGIN '18



"I ENJOY OFFERING COURSES IN THE EARTH SCIENCES BECAUSE THEY RAISE AWARENESS OF THE ENVIRONMENT'S PHYSICAL FOUNDATION."

—DR. DON HYERS  
PROFESSOR OF  
EARTH SCIENCE



BE A PART OF  
SOMETHING

# BIGGER

## GREEN LIVING SEMINARS

Green Living Seminars are organized around a topic in sustainability and bring expert speakers to present to students and the public each week during the spring.

In this course and others, students work on service-learning projects, directly applying their knowledge to addressing pressing environmental issues.



“

I WANT TO BE SOMEONE THAT FACILITATES THE EXPOSURE BETWEEN PEOPLE AND NATURE IN A POSITIVE AND HEALTHY WAY.”

—JARET GONZALEZ '19







## MCLA BY THE NUMBERS

- Top 10 Public Liberal Arts College, U.S. News & World Report
- 1 of 26 U.S. Colleges with low tuition and high salaries for graduates, U.S. Department of Education
- 1,750 undergrads enrolled
- 18 – average class size
- 12:1 student to faculty ratio
- 93% of graduates are in jobs or grad school within 6 months of graduation

## NEW YORK AND NEW ENGLAND TUITION REDUCTION PROGRAM

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts provides an 85% tuition reduction for New York & New England students, a savings of \$8,400 a year for all majors. Begin investing in your future — apply at [commonapp.org](http://commonapp.org)

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