



The news that Southern Vermont College will close saddens the MCLA community, and our thoughts are with all those who are affected by this news. We offer our support and encouragement to your SVC students and families who may have questions about their educational options.

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## PARENT / FAMILY INFORMATION

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### Ease of Transfer

MCLA is committed to providing Southern Vermont College students with a pathway to ensure equitable and optimal transfer of credits from SVC to MCLA. MCLA will waive all application fees and provide an expedited transfer process that will allow SVC students to seamlessly and quickly transfer to MCLA. MCLA will provide an admission decision within 24 hours of receiving a completed online application and all necessary supporting documents. MCLA will accept all currently matriculated students who are in good academic and judicial standing at SVC.

MCLA offers over 80 programs of study, including Health Sciences, Biology, Psychology, Business Administration, and English/Communications. MCLA ranks high nationally for small classes, innovative teaching, personal interactions with faculty, and an inclusive and diverse community.

### Path to Graduation

MCLA and SVC have reached an agreement to optimize transfer of SVC credit to MCLA. Eligible SVC students will not be required to complete MCLA's general education / core curriculum requirements and in recognition of the disruption incurred by SVC, MCLA shall reduce its residency requirements for degree completion: SVC students transferring to MCLA will be required to earn no fewer than fifteen (15) credit hours at the receiving institution.

MCLA utilizes DegreeWorks, a sophisticated, easy-to-use, powerful set of degree audit and academic advising tools. DegreeWorks allows students to view the progress they are making toward their degree in real time. This also allows SVC students to run "what if" scenarios to see what academic program pathway will maximize time to graduation at MCLA.

### Financial Aid/Cost

Please add MCLA's School Code to your student's FAFSA for the 2019-2020 school year: 002187. Over 76% of students receive need-based financial aid, mostly as a combination of grants, loans, and part-time employment.

In order to ensure financial equity for SVC students, MCLA will honor the New England Board of Higher Education regional rate for all SVC students. The New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE) provides an 85% tuition reduction, a savings of approximately \$8,400 per year.





### Student Life

North Adams is a mecca for art, music, culture, and outdoor adventure. A weekend in North Adams might include visiting the nation’s largest contemporary art museum, hitting the rail trail for a bike ride or hike, then seeing an up-and-coming rock band play a concert at a venue on Main Street. MCLA is a major player here, so our students get amazing local internship opportunities, incredible visiting speakers and local professionals, and access to networking and mentoring from the area’s best and brightest.

Members of the Residential Programs & Services (RPS) staff work collectively to ensure each residence area is in good condition, safe, supportive, and enriched with a wide array of out-of-classroom learning opportunities. Most importantly, we help each resident find a comfortable “home away from home,” which we believe is critical to a positive college experience.

### High Impact Practices

In an increasingly competitive job market, internships provide valuable work experience that demonstrate career plans to future employers. Our students have more than 200 internships to choose from.

The Undergraduate Research Program encompasses independent scholarly activity by students in the arts, humanities, and sciences. Driven by student-faculty interaction, the program supports students in many disciplines with small research/travel grants, the MCLA Scholar program, and a dynamic annual campus-wide conference for presenting their work.

MCLA offers 30+ countries in our study abroad program. Travel is a gateway to personal growth and first-hand learning about other cultures. Studying in Europe, Asia, Africa, the Pacific, or the Americas will prepare your student to meet tomorrow’s challenges. Our travel courses include an academic experience of reading, research, and reporting. They typically are junior-level, carry three upper-level credits toward graduation, and meet regularly on campus before and following travel.

### Campus Supports

The Center for Student Success and Engagement (CSSE) empowers students and families with the knowledge, guidance, and resources necessary to make the most of their MCLA college experience. Advisors are available to assist students inquiring about MCLA with academic advising, exploring major choices, translating how prior study and experiences might match the MCLA curriculum, building an understanding of resources for learners with disabilities, and acquainting learners opportunities for an engaging academic experience.

You can connect with the disability resources professionals at MCLA to discuss accommodations by calling 413.662.5334 or emailing [Cindy.macdonald@mcla.edu](mailto:Cindy.macdonald@mcla.edu) for an individual appointment. You can learn about wellness and the services provided by MCLA Counseling Services and Health Services here: [www.mcla.edu/Student\\_Life/wellness/index](http://www.mcla.edu/Student_Life/wellness/index)

### For more information

If you are a parent of a current SVC student who would like more information, please contact the MCLA Office of Admission: 413-662-5410 or [admissions@mcla.edu](mailto:admissions@mcla.edu)

