



MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

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, providing 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.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What academic programs does MCLA offer?

MCLA offers over 80 programs of study, including Health Sciences, Biology, Psychology, Business Administration, and English/Communications. Our academic programs include a rich selection of minors, a rigorous college-wide honors program, 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?

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.

Approximate Tuition & Fees	\$ 10,359 (MA residents)	\$10,874 (NEBHE rate)
Room & Board	\$ 11,404 (if living on campus)	\$11,404 (if living on campus)
Estimate Annual Cost of Attendance	\$ 21,763	\$22,278

### Will I qualify for financial aid?

Please add MCLA's School Code to your 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. 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.

### Will all my courses transfer?

MCLA and SVC have reached an agreement to optimize transfer of SVC credit to MCLA.

- 1) Eligible SVC students will not be required to complete MCLA's general education / core curriculum requirements, provided that the student has completed either:
  - a) All general education / core curriculum requirements as required by SVC; or
  - b) The equivalent of the "Mass Transfer Block," as determined by the registrar of MCLA.
  
- 2) Credit Residency: In recognition of the disruption incurred by SVC, MCLA shall reduce its residency requirements for degree completion as follows.
  - a) SVC students transferring to MCLA will be required to earn no fewer than fifteen (15) credit hours at the receiving institution.
  - b) Students requiring fewer than fifteen (15) credits to earn a degree that would have been conferred by SVC may petition to have the residency requirement further reduced. Petitions will be evaluated by MCLA on a case-by-case basis.

### Can I live on campus?

Yes! MCLA believes that residential living is a very important part of the overall college experience. The College has a three-year residency requirement for students who transfer in 29 or fewer credits. Students who transfer in 30 or more credits are assigned a one- or two-year residency requirement in accordance with the number of credits transferred in. Students who transfer in 74 or more credits and/or live within the College's designated commuting range are exempt from the residency requirement and may choose to live on or off campus. MCLA will honor Commuting status to any SVC students who are currently living off campus. MCLA guarantees housing for all students throughout their undergraduate career.

### Can my current roommate and I live together?

Absolutely! MCLA has three residence areas that offer different styles of on-campus living: traditional long-corridor, open suite-style, and garden-style apartments. Transfer students can live in any of our three residence areas and can submit preferences for both room type (double, single, and premium single) and roommate. In order to get the roommate of your choice, all you need to do is make sure you each request each other and submit your housing paperwork by the Wednesday, July 10 deadline.

### What support services does MCLA offer students?

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. We work collaboratively to assist every student to flourish academically and discover their own MCLA path to success. 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.

### If I participate in the Learning Differences Support Program (LDSP) at SVC, will I be able to get supports at MCLA?

Yes. 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.

### How does MCLA work with students who need to access mental health or physical health services?

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)

### Can I visit MCLA?

MCLA is coordinating multiple opportunities for SVC students to visit MCLA in the coming days. We will be offering shuttles to campus and MCLA has a prospective student information session and tour on Saturday, March 9, as well as an Accepted Student Day on Saturday, April 6. Campus tours are also offered Monday through Friday at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

For additional information or to schedule a campus tour: [www.mcla.edu/svc](http://www.mcla.edu/svc)

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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