

# SAINT ANSELM COLLEGE

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## CAMPUS LIFE

Quality of Life Rating	93
Fire Safety Rating	85
Green Rating	60*
Type of school	Private
Affiliation	Roman Catholic
Environment	City

## STUDENTS

Total undergrad enrollment	1,916
% male/female	38/62
% from out of state	77
% frosh from public high school	65
% frosh live on campus	97
% ugrads live on campus	91
# of fraternities (% ugrad men join)	0 (0)
# of sororities (% ugrad women join)	0 (0)
% African American	2
% Asian	1
% Caucasian	88
% Hispanic	3
% Native American	<1
% Pacific Islander	0
% Two or more races	2
% Race and/or ethnicity unknown	4
% international	1
# of countries represented	6

## SURVEY SAYS...

- Students are happy
- Internships are widely available
- Students are friendly
- Students are very religious
- Students get along with local community
- Students involved in community service
- Great food on campus
- Recreation facilities are great
- Intramural sports are popular
- Alumni active on campus
- Active student-run political groups

## ACADEMICS

Academic Rating	87
% students returning for sophomore year	85
% students graduating within 4 years	69
% students graduating within 6 years	72
Calendar	Semester
Student/faculty ratio	11:1
Profs interesting rating	84
Profs accessible rating	87
Most classes have 10–19 students.	
Most lab/discussion sessions have fewer than 10 students.	

## MOST POPULAR MAJORS

Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse; Biology; Psychology

## STUDENTS SAY "..."

### Academics

Nestled in New Hampshire near the White Mountains, Saint Anselm College is a small, Catholic Benedictine liberal arts college founded in 1889. Its prime location provides not only a beautiful environment in which to learn, but also makes it "the Benedictine college with a box seat on America's most riveting political theater" according to the Washington Post, and adds indelible "real-world experience" for those pursuing an education in politics. The small size of the college—in 2014 there were only 2,000 students—allows Saint Anselm College to provide "a welcoming community" and a "personalized experience" for all students. It encourages "Catholic ideals" of "service and community" and offers "a challenging, quality education" with "in depth learning both inside and outside of the classroom." Students call Saint Anselm a "close knit yet academically motivating environment, with countless opportunities to gain internship and other leadership experiences." "Each individual can thrive in some way," notes an English major, and "be involved, serve others, and have a life-long second home." "The education here is incredible," says a Forensic Science major, and "the teachers are more than happy to help you succeed." Students feel "challenged and enthused" by their professors and note that "discussions inside and outside of class are fantastic," "the lectures and labs prepare" them well for exams, "homework is almost always extremely relevant and beneficial," and professors "rarely lecture [or] read off power points." Professors "seem to love their job" and "come to class ready to stimulate your creative thinking." Students say that there is an "accessible, friendly, and inviting atmosphere in the classroom" and that "the teachers are always accessible." Community service is encouraged, making Saint Anselm a good fit for students who want to "become a better person as a whole and create an intelligent and kind community of students." As one student notes: "Saint Anselm College prepared me for life, and a wonderful, happy, and successful one at that."

### Life

Saint Anselm College "is a school with rigorous academics on the weekdays," notes a Communication major, "and tons of different things to be involved in on the weekends." Greek life is not "big on campus," and though there is drinking, some say it is "frowned upon." Students note that they like that "there aren't too many parties." On campus, students hang out and "watch movies," play "pool in their dorms," and attend "sports events." The Campus Activities Board "brings magicians, comedians, and musicians" to campus that students can "see for free." Students can also enjoy the "Abbey Players or various theater performances at the Dana Center," and "many students grab a bite to eat at the Coffee Shop" afterward. "There are plenty of options to keep busy!" says an International Relations major. Including community service work, which is a "big part of Saint Anselm's mission."

### Student Body

Saint Anselm students describe their classmates as "smart," "kind," "hardworking" and "friendly." They can be "very preppy" and are "committed to the community and family." A typical student at Saint Anselm College is "very well rounded," communicates well, and "can multi-task." Most students engage in a variety of on-campus opportunities, and "have a lot of experience in their field of study," by engaging in "research studies, literature reviews, and advanced studying." They are inspired by "the generosity of the monks that serve the campus," and are community service oriented. "Never in my life can I recall seeing such a diverse community of people so well integrated and committed to its success as a whole," notes one student. "Students fit in by being Anselmian."

## THE PRINCETON REVIEW SAYS

### Admissions

*Very important factors considered include:* rigor of secondary school record, academic GPA. *Important factors considered include:* application essay, recommendation(s), extracurricular activities, character/personal qualities. *Other factors considered include:* class rank, standardized test scores, talent/ability, first generation, alumni/ae relation, geographical residence, racial/ethnic status, volunteer work, work experience. SAT or ACT required for some. ACT with Writing recommended. SAT with essay component recommended. TOEFL required of all international applicants. High school diploma is required and GED is accepted. *Academic units required:* 4 English, 3 math, 3 science, 2 science labs, 2 foreign language, 2 social studies. *Academic units recommended:* 4 English, 4 math, 4 science, 2 science labs, 4 foreign language, 4 social studies.

### Financial Aid

*Students should submit:* FAFSA, CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE, Noncustodial PROFILE. Regular filing deadline is 3/1. The Princeton Review suggests that all financial aid forms be submitted as soon as possible after October 1. Need-based scholarships/grants offered: Federal Pell, FSEOG, state scholarships/grants, private scholarships, college/university scholarship or grant aid from institutional funds. *Loan aid offered:* Direct Subsidized Loans, Direct Unsubsidized Loans, Direct PLUS loans. Applicants will be notified of awards on a rolling basis beginning 3/1. Federal Work-Study Program available. Institutional employment available.

### The Inside Word

Saint Anselm College uses the Common Application and ACT and SAT scores (although test scores are optional for all academic majors except nursing), but places an added focus on personal character and community service extracurriculars in their admissions process. Applicants who feel their grades and test scores are not as high as they'd like should make sure to emphasize their out-of-class skills and experiences in their application. Note that nursing applicants must apply early action or early decision.

## THE SCHOOL SAYS “. . .”

### From the Admissions Office

“Saint Anselm is New England’s only Benedictine College, a place where a 1,500 year tradition that values a love of learning and a balanced life is coupled with a very contemporary liberal arts education with strong professional preparation on a beautiful 400-acre campus. The college offers over eighty academic programs, but is particularly well-known for nursing, criminal justice, business, politics and psychology. Located in the first in the nation primary state, Saint Anselm is the home of the New Hampshire Institute of Politics which hosts national debates and provides countless opportunities for students of any major to engage with candidates, journalists, elected officials and scholars. A student who wants to meet the next President of the United States has a reasonably good chance of doing so here. Saint Anselm has been named a ‘college with a conscience’ by the Princeton Review, hailed by the Carnegie Foundation with Classification in both Curricular Engagement and Outreach and Partnerships, and has won federal grants to support its work in public advocacy and engagement with social problems. Faculty from many departments teach in the seminar-based program where students contemplate the fundamental question of what it means to be great. The college’s Dana Center for the Humanities, used by both students and the public, hosts a broad and eclectic range of theater programming including contemporary dance and music. Saint Anselm’s Alva De Mars Megan Chapel Art Center provides an extraordinary array of art exhibitions from classic to contemporary with recent acquisitions focused on the human form in art. Eighty-five percent of the college’s students participates in athletics, intramurals and club sports. New academic majors have been added over the past two years.”

### SELECTIVITY

Admissions Rating	83
# of applicants	3,826
% of applicants accepted	76
% of acceptees attending	18
# offered a place on the wait list	382
% accepting a place on wait list	35
% admitted from wait list	11

### FRESHMAN PROFILE

<i>Reported SAT (pre-2016 redesign)</i>	
Range SAT Critical Reading	520–610
Range SAT Math	530–610
Range SAT Writing	510–600
<i>Concordant SAT</i>	
Range SAT EBRW	570–660
Range SAT Math	560–630
Range ACT Composite	23–28
Minimum paper TOEFL	550
Minimum internet-based TOEFL	80
Average HS GPA	3.3
% graduated top 10% of class	20
% graduated top 25% of class	57
% graduated top 50% of class	89

### DEADLINES

Regular	
Deadline	2/1
Notification	3/15
Nonfall registration?	Yes

### APPLICANTS ALSO LOOK AT AND OFTEN PREFER

Stonehill College; Providence College; Boston College; College of the Holy Cross; Fairfield University

### AND SOMETIMES PREFER

University of New Hampshire; Saint Michael's College; University of Massachusetts Amherst

### FINANCIAL FACTS

Financial Aid Rating	86
Annual tuition	\$37,826
Room and board	\$13,734
Required fees	\$1,000
Books and supplies	\$1,000
Average frosh need-based scholarship	\$23,638
Average UG need-based scholarship	\$22,330
% needy frosh rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid	99
% needy UG rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid	100
% needy frosh rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid	25
% needy UG rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid	21
% needy frosh rec. need-based self-help aid	80
% needy UG rec. need-based self-help aid	82
% frosh rec. any financial aid	98
% UG rec. any financial aid	98
% UG borrow to pay for school	81
Average cumulative indebtedness	\$37,402
% frosh need fully met	30
% ugrads need fully met	28
Average % of frosh need met	81
Average % of ugrad need met	81