





YOUR PATHWAY TO MERRIMACK COLLEGE 2016–17



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A new world is waiting for you in the USA at Merrimack College. Named one of America's Top Colleges by Forbes in 2015, Merrimack is fully equipped to give you countless educational, sporting, social and professional opportunities and provide dedicated support along the way.





Merrimack College

Founded in 1947, Merrimack is a private, four-year college located just over 40km north of Boston, that provides students with a rewarding academic experience.

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The best investment

Merrimack is committed to investing in your future and has been named one of the top US colleges for ensuring its graduates' economic success (Money Magazine 2015). The College is the Top College for 'Best Value' (ETC College Rankings Index 2015) and is ranked in the top 30% of all US universities for Return on Investment (PayScale 2015).

Impressive reputation

Named a 2016 Best College in the northeastern region by The Princeton Review, Merrimack is also ranked an impressive 9th Best Regional College in the north (U.S. News 2016). One of a select group of colleges, Merrimack is listed in the prestigious 2014–2015 College of Distinction guidebook, based on its excellence in teaching, campus community, student engagement and successful outcomes.

Outstanding academics

With more than 90 academic programs and an active learning approach, teaching at Merrimack is innovative and engaging. The curriculum is designed in line with industry outlooks and emphasizes the liberal arts. You will be trained to be analytical, adaptable and aware of trends and historic perspectives — an invaluable skill set for career success.

Learning experience

With small class sizes and a ratio of one faculty member to every 13 students, the learning experience at Merrimack is personal and flexible. More than simply providing subject knowledge, tutors support and mentor students both in and outside the classroom. They help you to grow academically and personally so that you can graduate with confidence, prepared for the working world.

School spirit

Whether you like music or swimming, cooking or running, with 50 student organizations, 24 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) sports and 20 sports clubs, every student can build confidence, develop leadership and teamwork skills, and find a sense of belonging. Networking and collaboration are encouraged across campus, creating an exciting school spirit, fundamental to your personal growth.

Student support

Merrimack is dedicated to providing comprehensive support for international students, including:

- International Student Orientation with an airport welcome
- Student mentoring program
- Faculty tutoring assistance
- Immigration and visa support

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Life on campus

Fantastic learning and sport facilities in a beautiful setting, the Merrimack campus provides the best home for students during their education.

University lifestyle

The close student community at Merrimack makes for a truly American suburban campus experience. With 75% of students living on campus in student housing, you are sure to meet plenty of people from all around the world and make lasting friendships.

Fun and secure

You will enjoy the beautiful 220-acre campus, where you can support your teams at the on-campus baseball and softball fields, basketball courts and ice rink. At night you can feel at ease with the 24-hour security patrols and late night transport services.

McQuade Library

Merrimack's 24-hour library is not only a valuable hub of intellectual growth, but home to many of the College's learning and student services:

- Center for Academic Enrichment
- Disability Services
- Information Technology Services
- Mathematics Center
- Writing Center

Sakowich Campus Center

Home to student government, a fitness center and a wide variety of student clubs and organizations, the Sakowich Campus Center offers a range of cultural, educational, social and recreational programs, and a truly diverse atmosphere.

Hamel Health Center

Students have access to dedicated medical care and confidential counseling services on site.





Career preparation

Merrimack is designed to prepare students for a competitive future and we believe in working with you towards your personal and professional success.

Career focused

Get ready for the career of your dreams through the many internship, co-op and non-traditional learning opportunities at Merrimack. The O'Brien Center for Student Success is committed to helping you achieve your goals by providing mock interviews, career fairs and work placements. With opportunities to work at companies like KPMG, Deloitte and State Street, it is no surprise that in 2014 97% of graduates had full-time jobs or were in graduate study within nine months.

Alumni relations

Merrimack will support you throughout college and into your future. For five years after graduation, you will have access to careers resources, advisors and job listings. With Merrimack graduates going on to work at top companies like Marriott and Merrill Lynch, successful alumni often return to recruit new graduates, and share their expertise and career advice with current students.

Valuable experiences

Merrimack understands how important professional experience is for enhancing your employability and finding work once you've graduated. Boost your confidence in all aspects of English and gain practical skills by taking up paid employment opportunities on campus during your time as a Merrimack student. Once you graduate, you will be ready to take part in Optional Practical Training — a US government scheme that allows you to work for up to 12 months in the USA on your student visa.*

* STEM majors can extend to 29 months.



Living in the USA

You will experience many new and exciting things while studying in the United States, including a diverse culture of independence that is enriched by people from virtually every part of the world.





EVENTS CALENDAR FEBRUARY

Lowell Winterfest:

Experience the famous Soup Bowl Competition, and the National Human Dogsled Championship

JULY

Andover Carnival:

A colorful parade to raise money for local charities

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AUGUST

Salem Jazz and Soul Festival:

A celebration of the 1920s jazz scene; enjoy live music and music education classes

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SEPTEMBER

Boston Fashion Week:

A week-long luxury clothing event attracting international designers and celebrities

New England Culture Fest:

Food, film, fashion and music combine to make this great festival in nearby Lowell

The Bread and Rose Heritage Festival:

An open-air festival in Lawrence that celebrates labor history, cultural diversity and social justice

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OCTOBER

Salem Haunted Happenings:

A festive celebration of Halloween and fall in New England, visited by over 250,000 people each year

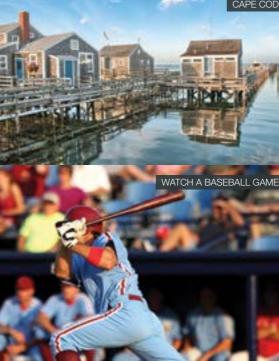
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NOVEMBER

America's Hometown Thanksgiving: Celebrate the history of the Thanksgiving holiday where it all began in Plymouth

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North Andover, **Massachusetts**

A small-town community with big-city access, North Andover, the home of Merrimack College is the ideal location for every lifestyle.

American history

North Andover originated in the 17th century and lies on the banks of the Merrimack River. Home to some of the oldest buildings in America, its colorful history includes negotiations with Native Americans and witchcraft trials. Today, the town has developed around agriculture and industry. With its low crime rate and beautiful surroundings, North Andover has been named one of the USA's Best Places to Live (Boston Magazine 2013).

Town life

North Andover is a great place to spend time with friends, browsing boutiques, independent bookstores and cozy coffee shops. From Italian to Indian, you can find all sorts of cuisines alongside American favorites like burgers and big breakfasts. For fresh local dishes try Grassfields on the Main Street or treat yourself to delicious desserts at Orange Leaf restaurant.

Local culture

Relax on the weekend with free admission to the world-class Addison Gallery of American Art, or attend one of the many concerts of local music and theater at the Collins Center for the Performing Arts. See a performance by the Andover School of Ballet or have a go at one of the many dance classes available, from hip hop to ballroom.

Natural backdrop

The Bay Circuit Trail crosses Massachusetts and passes around Andover. This recreation trail offers wonderful routes through the surrounding countryside, perfect for hiking or mountain biking in summer and cross-country skiing in winter. Climb a hill in the 700-acre Ward Reservation nature reserve, for a stunning view across the landscape with the Boston skyline in the distance.

Sports scene

There are 27 golf courses in the Merrimack Valley as well as plenty of swimming pools and gyms. Sports fans can join the crowds at baseball, basketball and hockey matches at the nearby LeLacheur Park or Tsongas Arena, and there is a great selection of sports bars to watch national events. Try Frosty Mug or Cheerleaders Sports Bar to experience the local sport-lovers' hangouts.

Beyond Andover

Home to champion sports teams, outstanding museums and fantastic shopping, the city of Boston is just a 30-minute journey away. On a weekend trip, travel just outside Boston to find beautiful Cape Cod, enjoy the slopes in one of nearby New Hampshire's ski resorts, or take the short flight to New York City for Broadway musicals and unique nightlife.

Your home away from home

Merrimack has several accommodation styles to choose from. Living on campus, students can relax and enjoy being part of the college community.

Traditional residence hall

This traditional American college style of accommodation provides shared rooms off a common hallway. Rooms are double, triple or quad occupancy, so are ideal for making friends. Each floor also has its own common area, study lounge, and community bathrooms that are shared with others on your floor.

Suite-style residences

Enjoy a double or triple occupancy room in a house of four, six or eight residents with a shared living space. All of the suites contain a common room with sofas, chairs and a coffee table.

Townhouses/apartments

Townhouses are equipped with six bedrooms, three bathrooms, a common room and laundry facilities. Apartments have two bedrooms, two bathrooms, a kitchen and a comfortably furnished living room.

Pricing

Academic year room and board rates that include meal plans are:

Double / triple: \$12,430–\$13,000

Suites: \$13,500–\$13,875

Apartments: \$11,010–\$11,335 (this rate includes the '5 Plus' meal plan)

Housing allocation is based on the date of deposit. In order to obtain first preference, students are advised to make an early deposit payment.

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EARN TWO DEGREES IN FIVE YEARS

Merrimack's 4+1 degree format allows students to study an accelerated master's degree after their bachelor's degree

Degree programs

Merrimack College offers a fantastic range of undergraduate and graduate programs with a choice of majors and minors to build interesting and unique degrees.

HELPING YOU CHOOSE

As experts in international education, our multilingual team of Global Pathways representatives can offer tailored guidance and support in your application for bachelor's or master's degrees at Merrimack. Our advisors are on hand to help you with every aspect of your program application to ensure you are off to the best possible start to your career.

HOW WE CAN HELP

- Reviewing your English and academic qualifications
- Preparing all documents required for your application to Merrimack
- Guiding you through the admission and visa process
- Offering advice about programs, completed full-time in one year. accommodation and insurance

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Students may begin bachelor's or master's degrees in September or January. Bachelor's programs typically take four years to complete. Master's programs at Merrimack are designed to be

Undergraduate degrees

GIRARD SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Business Administration, BS

- Accounting
- Finance
- International Business
- Management
- Marketing
- Sport Management

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Athletic Training, BS

Biochemistry, BS

Biology, BS

- Ecology and Behavioral Biology
- Cell and Molecular Biology and Biotechnology
- Integrative Biology (including Pre-Med / Pre-Dental / Pre-Vet)

Chemistry, BS

Civil Engineering, BS

Computer Science, BS

Electrical Engineering, BS

- Computer Engineering

Health Science, BS

- Nutrition
- General Health Science
- Public Health

Information Technology, BS

Mathematics, BS

Mechanical Engineering, BS

Physics, BS

Sports Medicine, BS

US HIGH
SCHOOL TESTING
International
undergraduate students are
not required to submit SAT
or ACT scores with their
application

SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS

Art, BA

Art History, BA

Communication Studies, BA

- Interpersonal Communication
- Mass Communication
- Organizational Communication

Digital Design, BA

Economics, BA

English, BA

- Creative Writing
- Literary Studies

Environmental Studies and Sustainability, BA

French, BA

History, BA

International Studies, BA

Italian Studies, BA

Philosophy, BA
Political Science, BA

Pre-Law*

Psychology, BA

Religious Studies, BA

Romance Languages, BA

Social Justice, BS

Sociology, BA

Spanish, BA

Theater Arts, BA

Theological Studies, BA

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL POLICY

Education, BA

Criminology, BA

Human Development, BA

STEM Education, BA

Graduate degrees

GIRARD SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Accounting, MS

Management, MS

SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS

Public Affairs, MPA

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Civil Engineering, MS

Community Health Education, MS

Computer Science, MS

Exercise and Sport Science, MS

Health and Wellness Management, MS

Mechanical Engineering, MS

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL POLICY

Community Engagement, M.Ed

Criminology and Criminal Justice, MS

Curriculum and Instruction, M.Ed

Higher Education, M.Ed

Teacher Education, M.Ed

Program information

BACHELOR'S DEGREES

English entry requirements: TOEFL 80 (no subset score below 18) / KiBT 80 / IELTS 6.5 (no bands below 6.0) / PTE 53

Academic entry requirements: GPA 2.5 on a 4.0 scale during secondary school study

Start dates: September, January

Program length: typically four years

Tuition fee: \$35,570 per year

MASTER'S DEGREES

English entry requirements: TOEFL 84 (no subset writing score below 21) / KiBT 84 / IELTS 6.5 (no bands below 6.0) / PTE 56

Academic entry requirements: GPA 2.7 on a 4.0 scale during undergraduate study

Start dates: September, January, May (select programs)

Program length: typically one year

Tuition fee for master's degrees in business, computing, engineering, health sciences and public affairs: \$26,400 for complete program

Tuition fee for Master of Education degrees: \$20,340 for complete program

Tuition fee for Criminology & Criminal Justice MS: \$22,720 for complete program

Kaplan iBT

If you need an English proficiency score, ask your Global Pathways representative about the free Kaplan iBT. This specialized English test is accepted at all Global Pathways partners.

Preparatory English

We give conditional offers to undergraduate students who are admitted academically to Merrimack College and have an English level of TOEFL iBT 70–79. You will first study a course at one of our Kaplan International English centers in the USA, to help improve your language skills to the required level for a bachelor's degree program. For further information visit: www.kaplaninternational.com

No credential evaluation

External credential evaluation of your academic grades is not required for any programs at Merrimack College.

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^{*} Applicants interested in attending Law School should select another program as a major and discuss their interest in the Pre-Law minor with an Academic Advisor after starting their degree program.



Extra information

There are many things to consider when deciding to study abroad. Our advisors are here to help you with every detail.

Scholarships

Partial scholarships may be available for your program. Ask your Global Pathways representative for more information.

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Insurance

Health insurance is required for all F-1 visa holders. Insurance information will be provided once you receive an offer from Merrimack College. Ask your agent or Global Pathways representative for more information on the best insurance options available to you.

Transfer I-20

Applicants already studying at college in the USA can enroll at Merrimack College without reapplying for a visa, by transferring their I-20 form. For further information, ask your Global Pathways representative or visit: www.ice.gov/sevis/f1-transfers

Visa guidance

Your Global Pathways representative can provide free F-1 visa application guidance. Note that we cannot accept applications from US passport holders (including dual citizens) or permanent residents.

Cost of attendance

The prices below are for the 2015–2016 academic year. Please contact your Global Pathways representative for the most up-to-date tuition, fees, and estimated costs.

	Tuition	\$35,570 per year	
BACHELOR'S DEGREES	Room and board	\$13,500 per year	
	College comprehensive fee	\$2,100 per year	
MASTER'S DEGREES	Tuition fee for master's degrees in business, computing, engineering, health sciences and public affairs (32 credits)	\$26,400 for complete program	
	Tuition fee for Master of Education degrees (36 credits)	\$20,340 for complete program	
	Tuition fee for Criminology and Criminal Justice (36 credits)	\$22,720 for complete program	
	College comprehensive fee	\$550 per year	

Undergraduate degree dates

Fall 2016	Mid July 2016	Late August 2016			
Spring 2017	Mid December 2016	Mid January 2017			
Graduate degree dates					
	APPLICATION DEADLINE	PROGRAM START			

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DEADLINE START

Fall 2016 Mid July 2016 Late August 2016

Spring 2017 Mid November 2016 Mid January 2017

Summer 2017* Early April 2017 Mid May 2017

^{*} Summer intake available for MS Accounting, MS Management, M.Ed Community Engagement, and M.Ed Higher Education.

Please note, all dates and tuition fees are subject to change.

How to apply

Our global team of multilingual advisors are here to help you through the application process, with expert support at every stage.

APPLY ONLINE

Apply online to receive expert advice from a Global Pathways representative: www.global-pathways.com/merrimack

APPLY USING THE APPLICATION FORM

Complete all sections of the application form in this prospectus

Submit the following documents to your Global Pathways representative:

- English test results (IELTS, TOEFL iBT, Kaplan iBT, or PTE Academic)
- Official transcripts and certificates from all high school and post-high school institutions attended, translated into English if necessary (master's applicants need only send undergraduate transcripts)
- Transfer applicants should submit a catalog or syllabus of university courses taken along with an official English translation
- Undergraduate applicants: one letter of recommendation from a teacher or academic staff
- Graduate applicants: two professional or academic recommendations
- Certification of finances form
- Copy of passport (including visa if already studying in the USA)
- CV / résumé (master's applicants only)
- Personal statement / essay

Personal statement is compulsory for all program applications. For details of the specific personal statement requirements, please see: www.global-pathways.com/merrimack

Application Review

When you have submitted your application form and all supporting documents, we will carefully review your application and advise when it is complete or if you need to send more documents. See page 27 for more information about what happens once you complete your application.

Contact us

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London W14 8HQ United Kingdom

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Email: usprograms@kaplan.com

Web: www.global-pathways.com/merrimack

Or contact one of our country offices:

- Abu Dhabi
- Mexico
- China
- Nigeria
- Colombia
- Singapore
- Hong Kong
- UK
- India
- USA
- Japan
- Venezuela
- Korea
- Vietnam

For your local office contact details, visit: www.global-pathways.com/country-offices

Please note that if you are accepted and your supporting documents included only electronic scans of your academic transcripts / proof of graduation, you will need to submit the official versions in sealed envelopes from your previous school(s) upon your arrival at Merrimack College. In addition, if you included only electronic scans of your financial affidavit and bank statement, you would need to bring the originals when you arrive.

MERRIMACK COLLEGE APPLICATION FORM

A PERSONAL DETAILS

Please fill out the application in full, in English, with CAPITAL letters.

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MERRIMACK COLLEGE APPLICATION FORM

Please fill out the application in full, in English, with CAPITAL letters.





H RECOMMENDATION LETTERS							
Copies of recommendation letters must be submitted with your supporting documents. Please list the names and contact details of your recommenders below. Merrimack College may contact your recommenders for additional information.							
Undergraduate applicants: one letter of recommendation from a teacher or academic staff. Graduate applicants: two professional or academic recommendations are required.							
Note additional requirements for the following programs: For Master of Higher Education, the letters should be from at least one professor and one college administrator. For Master of Community Engagement, at least one letter should be from a supervisor in a non-profit, higher education or K-12 education setting.							
Recommender name Email address Phone number (incl. country code) Position or title							
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Have you ever been found responsible for a disciplinary violation at any secondary school or college / university you have attended, whether related to academic misconduct or behavioral misconduct, that resulted in your probation, suspension, removal, dismissal, or expulsion from the institution?: Tyes No							
Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor, felony, or other crime in any country? ☐ Yes ☐ No							
If you answered yes to either or both questions, please give the approximate date of each incident and explain the circumstances on a separate sheet.							
J DECLARATION AND AGREEMENT							
I certify that all of the information provided by me or on my behalf in support of my application for admission is complete and accurate.							
I acknowledge that I am obligated to supplement my application as soon as I know or reasonably should know that the information I have provided or that was provided on my behalf is inaccurate or incomplete. I also certify that the personal statement submitted in support of my application for admission is solely my own original work. I acknowledge that Merrimack College may, at its sole discretion, verify any information submitted in conjunction with my application.							
I acknowledge that if I omit relevant information or provide inaccurate information or information that is misleading, submit a personal statement that is not solely my own original work, or if I fail to supplement my application as required, Merrimack College may, at its sole discretion, deny my application for admission, rescind my admission, impose disciplinary sanctions against me, dismiss me from Merrimack College, and/or rescind any degrees or certificates awarded to me by Merrimack College. Upon admission, I agree to comply with all policies, practices, and procedures of Merrimack College.							
Student signature: Date (mm/dd/yyyy):							
K COMPLETE APPLICATION CHECKLIST							
Proof of English Language Proficiency (TOEFL, Pearson PTE, IELTS, Kaplan Certificate or Kaplan iBT)							
Official transcript(s) for all academic institutions attended: including secondary school and university, with supporting grade scale: submit an English translation if transcripts are in another language.							
□ Personal statement:							
Undergraduate applicants: introduce yourself, as a person and as a student, to the university community. Explain why you want to study at Merrimack College (500 words).							
Graduate applicants: describe your academic and professional experience and / or why you are interested in your chosen master's degree using the prompts below:							
• Girard School of Business and International Commerce, School of Science and Engineering, School of Liberal Arts: describe your academic and professional experience and why you are interested in the program for which you're applying (500 words).							
Master of Education in Higher Education: describe the origin of your interest in a career in higher education, what you hope to do in the future, and what skills and knowledge							

Give the completed and signed application with all supporting documents to our representative in your country or scan and email to: usprograms@kaplan.com For support with your application phone: +44 207 045 4925 (Global Pathways Admissions is a UK-based team)

If you are already based in the USA and need help with your application, phone: +1 212 346 1445

the future, and what skills and knowledge you hope to gain in order to be an effective leader in higher education (500-1,000 words).

community engagement are of most interest to you and why (500-1,000 words).

☐ Official SAT, ACT, GRE or GMAT scores if available. Include breakdown of your GRE or GMAT score

Letter of recommendation (two for graduate applicants)

☐ Passport copy

you hope to gain in order to be an effective leader in higher education (1,000 words). Please also provide a writing sample, preferably a research paper of any length.

Master of Education (Curriculum and Instruction (General Studies) / Teacher Education): explain your interest in K-12 Education and your future goals (500–1,000 words).
 Master of Education in Community Engagement (please answer both prompts): describe the origin of your interest in a career in higher education, what you hope to do in

In your own words, what is community engagement? What theoretical and conceptual ideas have shaped your understanding of community engagement? What aspects of

☐ Curriculum vitae / résumé (graduate applicants only)

☐ Completed Merrimack College Certification of Finances form

☐ Signed and dated application form

What's next? 1. Receive confirmation of receipt Once we receive your complete application and supporting documents, we will send you confirmation of receipt by email. Your application is then submitted to the College for review. 2. Admission If your application is successful, you will be offered admission to a Merrimack degree program, or a conditional offer if you first need to improve your English language level. 3. Accept offer within 30 days To secure your place at Merrimack, you will need to accept the offer by paying a deposit (which will be specified in your offer letter) within 30 days of receiving your offer. Payment can be made via bank draft, electronic transfer or credit card. 4. Receive I-20 Once you have accepted your offer, and after all financial documentation has been received, a visa eligibility document (Form I-20) is issued. You will need the I-20 to apply for a visa. 5. Apply for a visa

Allow approximately six weeks to receive your US visa after the US embassy has received your complete visa application and payment. Your Global Pathways representative can provide help and assistance with the visa process. In the case of a visa refusal, your deposit will be refunded.

6. Pay program tuition

Once you have secured your visa, you must pay (by bank draft, bank transfer or credit card) the tuition and fees for your program before your enrollment.

7. Receive pre-arrival information

Merrimack College will send you full accommodation and arrival details to ensure you are ready for your departure to the USA.

8. Arrive in the USA

Join your new classmates at Merrimack to receive a full introduction to university life in the USA. You will make friends and get help and support for adjusting to your new life.

9. Classes begin!





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