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DIFFERENT BY DESIGN

Before we dive into the academic programs that make Champlain College a leader in design, technology, business, and social innovation, first we want to focus on how you learn. Because here, our unique approach to education and lifelong learning is just as important. No matter what you choose to study, your Champlain experience will be designed to get you ready for work, ready for life, and ready to make a difference. Here's how we do it.

Upside-Down Curriculum

The Upside-Down Curriculum flips the traditional college course sequencing on its head, putting you in your major's hands-on classes on day one rather than waiting until your junior year. **Why?**

- You'll know right away if you're pursuing your passion or if there's something else you'd like to study.
- You'll dive deeper into your industry and identify and build your strengths in it.
- You'll be qualified for internships as early as your first year and can continue to intern often throughout your time here.

Core Curriculum

What other colleges call "general education" is anything but generalized at Champlain. Our Core curriculum is all about building your understanding of the world around you. We're talking about the skills and knowledge that allow you to see the forest and its trees—and navigate seamlessly between both. With nearly 30 choices for each of these required courses, you'll engage in interesting classwork while you develop your curiosity, critical thinking, and empathy.

I feel like I carry a lot of my classroom learning and knowledge with me wherever I go and with many things I pursue. ... The connections I have made with professors and other students here at Champlain have allowed me to explore and speak confidently about what I am passionate about.

-Emma Dannenberg, '24 // Creative Media

InSight Program

Hindsight is 20/20; what Champlain gives you is insight into your future. The InSight program is where you'll learn how to budget and how to save; when to take time for yourself and when and how to push forward; and what value you bring to the team and how to ask for a salary that reflects it. After four years of programming dedicated to your wellbeing, personal finances, and career positioning, you'll be ready to carve out your place in the world.

CAREER-FOCUSED MAJORS

Learn what you love.

We offer rigorous, practice-based degree programs in the country's most promising career fields. In consultation with our industry partners, we continually review each program's curriculum to ensure you learn the most relevant skills and concepts for the workplace you'll be entering. Dive deeper into majors, minors, and concentrations: champlain.edu/academics-majors.

Accounting* (BS)

Accounting: Accelerated (BS)

Animation (BFA)

Applied Mathematics (BS)

Applied Sustainability (BS)

Data Science for Sustainability

Dialogue & Consensus Building for Sustainability Solutions

Education for Sustainability

Environmental Communication

Environmental Policy

Environmental Studies

Reinventing Business Through Sustainability

Broadcast Media Production (BS)

Motion Graphics

Sonic Arts

Business Administration (BS)

Activist Marketing

Business Analytics

Business Law

Computer Science

Cybersecurity

Global Business

Human Resource Management

Information Systems &

Technology

Innovation & Entrepreneurship

Management

Sustainable Business

Communication (BS)

Computer & Digital Forensics (BS)

Computer Networking & Cybersecurity (BS)

Computer Science & Innovation (BS)

Artificial Intelligence

Mobile Application

Development

Software Engineering

Creative Media (BFA)

Creative Writing

Game Media

Interaction Design

Moving Image (Film & Video)

Sonic Arts

Visual Art & Design

Criminology & Criminal Justice (BS)

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Data Analytics (BS)

Degree Design Lab: Integrative Professional

Studies (BS)

■ Major ■ Concentration

Concentrations may be available or required within your major—they provide a deeper dive into an area of expertise within your field. You'll also be able to expand your skill sets by choosing a minor.

Digital Humanities (BS) Education (BS)

Computer Science Education

Early Childhood

Elementary

Middle & Secondary

Middle Grades English

Language Arts

Middle Grades Mathematics

Middle Grades Social Studies

Secondary Level English

Secondary Level Mathematics

Secondary Level Social Studies

Filmmaking (BFA)

Cinematography

Directing

Motion Graphics

Producing

Screenwriting

Sonic Arts

Finance* (BS)

Game Art (BFA)

Game Business & Publishing (BS)

Business Strategy

Content & Community

Research & Analytics

Game Design (BS)

Game Production Management (BS)

Game Programming (BS)

Game Sound Design (BS)

Graphic Design & Visual Communication (BFA)

Graphic Design

Motion Graphics

Visual Communication

Interaction Design (BS)

Implementation

Visual Design

International Business (BS)

Law (BS)

Marketing (BS)

Marketing Communication (BS)

Professional Writing (BS)

Creative Writing / Literature

Editing / Publishing

Journalism

Screenwriting**

Psychology (BS)

Flex Path

Health & Wellbeing

Social Change / Social

Impact

Social Work (BSW)

Undeclared

If you have not selected a major, our Upside-Down Curriculum allows you to explore courses from multiple majors in your first year. champlain.edu/undeclared

MINORS

Accounting

Activist Marketing

Actuarial Studies

Business Administration

Business Analytics

Business Law

Communication

Community Management

Computer & Digital Forensics

Computer Science

Conflict Management

Criminal Justice

Cybersecurity

Data Science

Digital Marketing

Entrepreneurship

Environmental Studies &

Policy

Event Management

Family Studies

Film

Finance

Forensic Accounting

Game Programming

Game Sound Design

Gerontology

Global Studies

Graphic Design

Human Resource

Management & Organization

Development

Information Technology

Interactive Narrative

International Business

Law

LGBTQ Studies

Marketing

Mathematics
Media Production

Media i roduciion

Organizational Innovation

Outdoor Business

Psychology

Public Relations

Real-Time 3-D Animation

Real-Time 3-D Modeling

Social Justice

Social Work

UI Design & Implementation

Writing



BUSINESS & DATA ANALYTICS

Information meets impact.

Look beyond the bottom line when it comes to business; search for the significance behind it. Our faculty experts will show you how to do just that, so you can help shape a new era that recognizes that better business goes hand in hand with nurturing better beings.

Your professors are dedicated to preparing students to become global citizens, capable of identifying opportunities to apply professional practices, entrepreneurship, and innovative efficiencies in unexpected ways. And because they don't just study their areas of expertise but contribute to their fields as active practitioners, our faculty are a powerful tool for interviews, travel grants, internships, networking contacts, and funding opportunities. They'll help you pursue whatever it is that develops a better, business-minded version of you.

champlain.edu/academics-accounting

100%

of 2022 Accounting graduates were either employed in their fields or continuing their education within six months after graduation.

3-YEAR DEGREE:

With a minimum 3.0 GPA and a lot of ambition, you can graduate with an Accounting degree in just three years. In our Accelerated Accounting program, you'll take two full summer semesters so you can launch your career early.

DOUBLE MAJOR:

Our double major in Accounting and Finance provides the expertise—and the 150 academic credits—you'll need for CPA licensure.

4+1:

Working with your Faculty Advisor, you can complete a 3+1 or 4+1 program to top off your undergraduate studies with an MBA.

ACCOUNTING (BS)

Translate financial statements and turn them into stories.

Every business has a behind-the-scenes story, and accountants are uniquely trained to find, interpret, and even help write the financial plot points that make those stories. At Champlain, you'll be encouraged to study abroad, pursue a minor for industries that interest you, and complete a required internship.

But what sets Champlain's Accounting program apart is its emphasis on ethical conduct and professional responsibility. Here, you'll learn about professional standards, codes of ethics, and the legal regulations that govern the accounting profession, and you'll develop an understanding of the ethical implications of financial decisions. Surrounded by numerous B-Corp companies in the Burlington area, you'll learn all this from organizations that uphold integrity and accountability in their work. Our students land positions at the Big Four firms or choose to take more hands-on roles at smaller companies with a cause or mission.

As you learn new concepts and tools, you'll immediately put them to use. Your early accounting and interdisciplinary business courses set you up perfectly for impressive internships and other field-based learning opportunities—you'll distinguish yourself with potential employers early on. Interested in expanding your resume with industry grade certification and licenses? This major helps you prepare for a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) certification and provides the number of credit hours necessary to sit for the Certified Professional Accountant (CPA) exam and the Certified Management Accountant (CMA) exam.

FEATURED COURSE

ACC 370: Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

Students complete tax law and individual preparation studies before becoming IRS-certified. Once certified, students participate in field experience, preparing tax returns for elderly and low-income citizens through the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

Last year, we completed 1,400 tax returns and awarded approximately \$2.7 million in eligible refunds, so VITA impacts a multitude of Vermonters.





BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (BS)



Exploration encouraged.

Champlain's BS in Business Administration is designed with your growth in mind. Recognizing that your interests and industries change over time, this future-proof program emphasizes foundational skills, needs, and values that drive business success and encourages personal curiosity. With 11 concentrations, ranging from Sustainable Business to Cybersecurity, you'll have the flexibility to mix and match how you apply your business skills—and choose a minor to round out your expertise.

In your first semester, you'll learn by doing alongside your classmates to explore how businesses function from the inside out. Through project-based classes, real consultative client work, internships at home and abroad, and an engaging senior Capstone project, you'll graduate with a one-of-a-kind tool kit (and the right credentials) to take on your field or even launch your own business full speed.

You'll also have access to the Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Champlain's consulting and funding center for students. It hosts boot camps and provides seed funding to help you start your own business, even while you're still in college.

100%

of our Business Administration graduates in the Class of 2022 were employed or continuing their education just six months after graduation.

CONCENTRATIONS:

Activist Marketing

Business Analytics

Business Law

Computer Science

Cybersecurity

Global Business

Human Resource Management

Information Systems & Technology

Innovation & Entrepreneurship

Management

Sustainable Business

FEATURED COURSE

MGT 270-51 Business of Entrepreneurship

Taught by President Hernandez at the Hula Innovation Hub, students learn from and network with member company leaders who serve as guest speakers. Students aspire to create the world in which they want to live.

My classes at Champlain have taught me how to ask meaningful questions, to look for things that can be improved and built upon, and how to manage a large project by breaking it into pieces. ___

-Maya Avisata-Sullivan, '23 // Business Administration



100%

of our Data Analytics graduates in the Class of 2022 were either working or continuing their education just six months after graduation.

FEATURED COURSES:

Year 1 Applied Statistics Python Programming

Year 2
Data Structures with Python
Digital Marketing Analytics

Year 3
Data Mining Global IT & Ethics

Forecasting & Predictive Analysis
Machine Learning

THE LEAHY SCHOLARS PROGRAM provides students in this major with annual tuition support and

a guaranteed job at the Leahy Center for Digital Forensics & Cybersecurity.

DATA ANALYTICS (BS)

When the bigger picture feels more like a puzzle, let data be the tool that pieces it all together.

From product supply and TikTok ads to global health projects and clean water resourcing—everything in our world has data behind it. With Champlain's Data Analytics program, you'll be ready to explain the story behind the data and make recommendations based on your understanding.

There's more behind numbers than meets the eye, and through the Data Analytics program, you'll put them to use in programming, data visualization, and the art of communication—skills that are essential to the daily operations and success of any business in any industry. Here, you'll collaborate on projects with industry experts and gain real-world experience that will help you qualify for data internships as early as your first year.

From your very first year, you'll have hands-on learning experiences. Whether you intern at the Senator Patrick Leahy Center for Digital Forensics & Cybersecurity or join a project team at the Emergent Media Center®, you'll find chances to apply your classroom knowledge to real-world projects.

FEATURED CAREER

Data Scientist

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the job outlook for data scientists is growing much faster than average, expecting 36% growth over the next 10 years. The median salary is \$100,910 per year.

FACULTY

Lindsey Godwin, PhD

PRONOUNS: She/her

CLASSES:

Corporate Social Responsibility

Positive Organizational Development

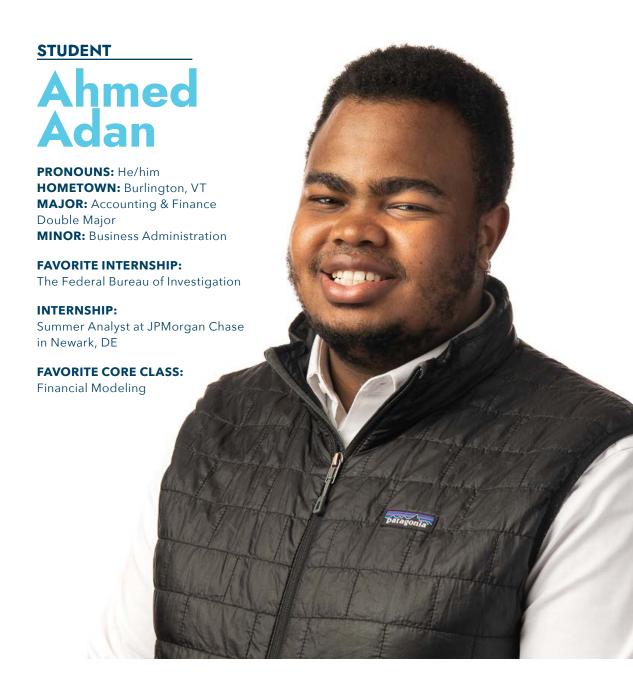
The Art & Science of Leadership

FUN FACT:

Dr. Godwin has consulted with a wide variety of organizations, from Green Mountain Coffee Roasters to the United Nations, to foster positive social change.

Asking the question, 'How might we ...?' allows us to imagine anything is possible. We simply need to figure out how.

Dr. Godwin has a passion for creating positive spaces for people and organizations. As she puts it, she's "never met an educator who did not want their students to flourish." For her teaching style, she makes sure a student's wellbeing is in the mix of the learning process. She thinks all her students can achieve much and daydreams about their future successes at making the world a better place.



How did you start your own business, and what is it? "FUAY LLC is a streetwear brand that I started during my first year of college. After taking Champlain's Entrepreneurial Mindset course, BUS 110, I felt confident enough in my business plan to make it a reality. We were assigned a project to create a business model canvas and value proposition canvas. Using the project from class, I started my own business. Champlain also helped me with funding FUAY through the Champlain College Flight Fund."

How have you benefited from the Upside-Down Curriculum so far? "Definitely, being able to engage with my passion right away during my first year set a strong foundation for me at Champlain. Being exposed to industry-level business practices ignited my passion."

FINANCE (BS)

Manage a portion of Champlain's endowment like you're already on Wall Street.

Start learning how to manage portfolios, conduct financial analyses, and work on financial models with our hands-on approach to finance.

This major is the only one in the state recognized as a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) University Affiliated program, giving you access to more scholarship opportunities and educational resources. In these action-oriented classes, you'll experience simulations and case studies where you'll assume the role of CFO or CEO to play out scenarios. You'll gain additional practical experience through paid internships, peer-tutoring positions, and competitions that will further develop your financial skill set. You'll graduate with comprehensive experience with financial tools like FactSet and best practices in the profession.

The cornerstone of your Finance degree will be your Capstone experience, during which we'll put our money where our mouth is (literally) as you will manage a portion of the College's endowment in an investment fund.

Our double major in Accounting and Finance provides the expertise—and the required 150 academic credits—you'll need to sit for the CPA licensure exam.



WHERE OUR STUDENTS INTERN:

Bell Wealth Management

Fortress

Fresh Tracks Capital
Merrill Lynch
National Life Group
Southwest Securities
UBS

WHERE OUR GRADS WORK:

Financial Specialist // State of Vermont // Montpelier, VT

Associate Analyst // Champlain Investment Partners // Burlington, VT

Jr. Case Manager // Policygenius Inc. // Durham, NC

Team Financial Advisor // Merrill Lynch // Burlington, VT

Audit Associate // Johnson Lambert LLP // Burlington, VT

Rates Analyst I // Texas Gas Service // Austin, TX



champlain.edu/ academics-internationalbusiness

\$50,833

was the mean starting salary for 2022 International Business graduates.

GO GLOBAL:

An exclusive grant from the Freeman Foundation offers an opportunity to travel to Asia to complete a summer internship at very little cost. The two primary destinations are Shanghai, China, and Kyoto, Japan.

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS (BS)

It's not all globe-trotting glamour—but that's definitely part of it.

Conducting business in a global economy requires more than an affinity for travel; start exploring the cultural, political, and technological forces that shape an industry.

Our International Business curriculum gives you a comprehensive education in each aspect of business, all within the context of ethical business practices and the rapidly changing conditions defined by globalization. Through class projects and with real clients, you'll build practical experience: develop import/export strategies, help for-profit and nonprofit organizations identify international opportunities and challenges, and build business plans for international growth.

Cultural understanding is critical in this program. It requires a language course and is designed so you can spend at least one semester abroad—many students choose to study abroad for an entire year. You'll even have opportunities for internships while you're in another country.





CERTIFICATIONS:

Build your résumé and your skills while earning class credits. Select Marketing courses incorporate certification in industry-standard tools into their curriculum to give students an edge in their field well before they graduate.

Google Analytics Google Ads HubSpot

MARKETING (BS)

Disrupt a crowded market.

Marketing is one of the most powerful forces in the world, and our Marketing program gives you the tools, techniques, and mindset you need to harness it. In the first semester of your Marketing major, you'll learn the importance of marketing for building success and influencing culture while you explore current marketing trends.

By your second semester, you will discover how to answer vital business questions using data. You will apply data cleaning and data analytics techniques using professional tools and software to produce the kind of visual, written, and verbal information that helps decision-makers evaluate and optimize business operations. By the end of your first year, you will be ready to take on a meaningful marketing internship.

Through collaborations with other students, internships, industry-expert guidance, and hands-on experience working with real clients, you'll immerse yourself in market research, design solutions, audio production, consumer behavior, analytics, public presentation, and more. From content creation to data analysis, our curriculum helps you figure out where you want to fit in the marketing landscape. Faculty partner with local businesses so you'll work on real projects with real clients to solve marketing and business needs.

You'll emerge from Champlain's Marketing program as a confident strategist and savvy communicator who understands the legal and ethical implications of their work.

I recall seeing the Dove Real Beauty Campaign, and being able to see women who looked like me and my mom changed a lot of my thinking as a child. I, as a marketer, want to be able to do that for others as well as make a change socially.

-Tori Long '24 // Marketing // Abington, MA



Why Champlain for studying Marketing? "Champlain provides a ton of hands-on experiences. Not only are you taking major-related classes right from the start of your career here but you gain so much experience from those classes—from working with real brands and creating your own brand to getting certifications relevant to your field."





COMPUTER SCIENCE, CYBERSECURITY & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Build a better world.

Technology evolves and advances faster and faster, which is why we believe you should start getting major-specific experience quickly, too. We integrate standard classroom instruction with unparalleled field experience, starting your very first semester. This means you'll be able to build experience by interning sooner and more often than you would elsewhere, which goes a long way in these fields.

At Champlain, we see technology and innovation as tools for solving societal problems. Our faculty want to prepare you for careers of tomorrow and those not yet imagined.

Niche.com ranks Champlain College as one of the Top 30 Best Colleges for Information Technology in America.



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RECOGNITIONS:

National Center of Digital Forensics Academic Excellence by the U.S. Department of Defense Cyber Crime Center (DC3)

Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense by the National Security Agency (NSA)

THE LEAHY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

provides students in this major with annual tuition support and a guaranteed job at the Leahy Center for Digital Forensics & Cybersecurity.

WHERE OUR GRADS WORK:

Senior Analyst // Dell Secureworks // Providence, RI

Associate Consultant // Mandiant (FireEye) // New York, NY

Security Analyst // NuHarbor Security // Colchester, VT

Security and Privacy Risk Associate // RSM // Boston, MA

Digital Forensics Consultant // Tracepoint // Chiba, Japan

Threat Analyst // VMware Carbon Black // San Antonio, TX

COMPUTER & DIGITAL FORENSICS (BS)

Unravel mysteries in the digital realm.

At Champlain, you'll dive into everything from digital investigations and computer networks to law and cybersecurity. The Computer & Digital Forensics program is designed to be well-rounded and applicable—because the digital world is expanding as fast as the job opportunities.

Here, you'll have your choice among 16 courses specifically tailored for digital forensics, preparing you for the challenges ahead. Once you've mastered the classroom, you'll get hands-on experience through internships with government agencies, tech companies, and security firms.

Even better, you could receive a scholarship and a guaranteed job at our very own Senator Patrick Leahy Center for Digital Forensics & Cybersecurity with the Leahy Scholars Program. You'll have access to top-notch digital investigation tools and work alongside professional digital forensics investigators on actual cases, with clients like the Department of Justice, Department of Defense, and the Secret Service.

FEATURED CAREER

Security Analyst

Security analyst positions are is set to skyrocket 33% from 2020 to 2030—that's way faster than most other jobs. Plus, the average annual salary stands at \$103,590, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics.

If you had told me I'd be able to present at an industry-level conference as a first-year, I wouldn't have believed you, but that's exactly what happened, and it allowed me to grow more confident in my hardware hacking and hardware forensic skills.

-Austin Grupposo, '23 // Computer & Digital Forensics



Why Champlain for studying Computer & Digital Forensics? "Champlain's Digital Forensics program helps me build skills in investigating an incident, understanding what has happened, and communicating that information to others in order for them to understand what is at stake and how it could affect them. Along with the professional opportunities available, I was able to explore and gain hands-on experience from the very start of my first year within my field."

How have you applied classroom learning to real-world settings in your field? "An internship and eventual employment at the Leahy Center contributed a lot toward my understanding of cybersecurity and how to apply concepts in real-world settings. What I learned in class I brought to real simulations where I was able to make mistakes and learn from them."



COMPUTER NETWORKING & CYBERSECURITY (BS)



champlain.edu/ academics-cybersecurity

Safeguard the digital systems that power our world.

Welcome to the best of the best. Our faculty are leaders in their field who bring their experience back to the classroom. As a result, Champlain is designated as a Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education by the National Security Agency (NSA), meeting the highest standards and preparing our students exceptionally well for the kind of work needed on the front lines of national cybersecurity. Trust us, you're going to be a major-league cybersecurity expert by the time you're done here.

Ready to dive in? This isn't a generic Computer Science degree with a side of cyber. From the get-go, you'll start learning the ins and outs of designing, securing, and building enterprise networks and computing environments. As you further explore how cyberattacks take place, you'll also learn how to mitigate their effects and boost security to fend off future attacks.

The best part? We believe in giving you experience on real-life security issues that build not only your knowledge base but your résumé as well. You'll have numerous chances for internships, including paid positions at the Senator Patrick Leahy Center for Digital Forensics & Cybersecurity. Imagine working with actual data and cases for different organizations and government agencies—that's solid résumé material!

97%

of Computer Networking & Cybersecurity graduates in the Class of 2022 were either working or continuing their education just six months after graduation.

THE LEAHY SCHOLARS

PROGRAM provides students in this major with annual tuition support and a guaranteed job at the Leahy Center for Digital Forensics & Cybersecurity.

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Named the "Best Higher Ed Cybersecurity Program" in 2021 by *SC Magazine*.



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95%

of Computer Science & Innovation graduates from 2017-2022 were either working or continuing their education just six months after graduation.

CONCENTRATIONS:

Artificial Intelligence

Mobile Application Development

Software Engineering

WHERE OUR GRADS WORK:

Software Development Engineer // Amazon // Seattle, WA

Software Engineer I // Flashpoint // New York, NY

Software Developer // General Motors // Austin, TX

Associate Software Engineer // KingsIsle Entertainment // Austin, TX

Software Application Engineer I // Workday // Pleasanton, CA

Intern // NASA // Greenbelt, MD

THE LEAHY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

provides students in this major with annual tuition support and a guaranteed job at the Leahy Center for Digital Forensics & Cybersecurity.

COMPUTER SCIENCE & INNOVATION (BS)

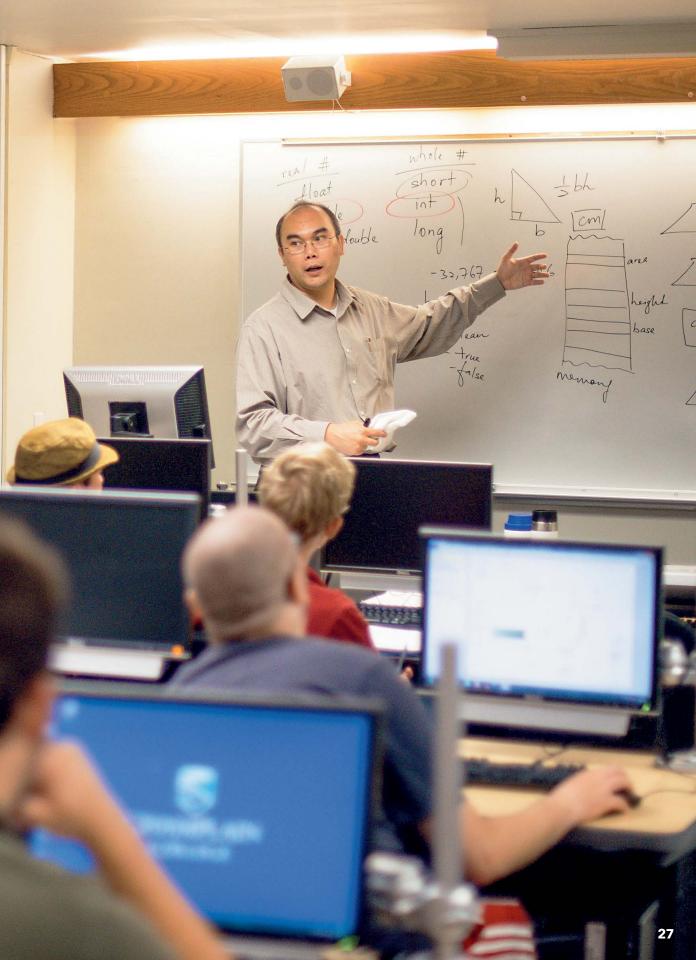
Discover solutions and innovations using the newest tech tools out there.

Here, we believe in learning by doing. From day one, you'll be at the forefront of our digital future, writing code and dreaming up what comes next. The Computer Science & Innovation program gives you the flexibility to dive deep into areas of computer science that interest you most, from open-source development to artificial intelligence. We're about more than theory—we're also about application—you'll choose a minor or concentration to put your talents to use. You'll get real-world experience, too. Consider the Class of 2022—96% of them had experiential learning in this major.

With the Upside-Down Curriculum, you'll have years of knowledge and professional insight to draw inspiration from for your senior Capstone project. Past students have built black hole simulators, digital motorcycle visors, and even an app that uses machine learning to detect crowd approval. With hands-on experience and a creative approach to problem-solving, they're making waves in industries across the globe. Our graduates are not just computer scientists; they're innovators.

I love how the school is career-focused and how the computer science curriculum is hands-on. We work in a lot of programming languages from the start to gain exposure. I also love how accessible and personable the CSI faculty are.

-Jessica Taylor, '21// Computer Science & Innovation





DIGITAL HUMANITIES (BS)

Take a human-first approach to technology.

Step into the digital future while keeping a firm grasp on our humanity. Our Digital Humanities program, one of the few undergraduate offerings in this emerging field, lets you blend your interests in the humanities with technology, preparing you to make an impact in business, nonprofit, government, or any other industry.

At Champlain, we put emphasis on individual interests and career aspirations. You have the freedom to customize your education, choosing from a wide range of courses and skills-based technical training to shape your digital capabilities. This isn't a one-size-fits-all major—you'll be able to explore Digital Humanities in ways that intrigue you the most.

Our curriculum is a unique fusion of humanities, technology, research, and portfolio development that is tailored to your interests. You'll be introduced to a diverse set of industries, including digital publishing, media production, cultural heritage preservation, and more. This means you'll graduate with the skills and knowledge to take off in numerous career paths.

Similar to other information technology and sciences majors, you'll also have the chance to showcase your skills through a Capstone project in your senior year. Here, you'll merge theory with real-world application.

Our graduates are pioneers equipped with the digital skills and humanistic insights to make an impact in an increasingly digital world.



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POTENTIAL JOB TITLES:

Data Analyst
Digital Cartographer
Digital Marketing Specialist
Instructional Designer
Mobile App Developer
Multimedia Journalist
Social Media Strategist

FEATURED COURSES:

Year 1 Video Storytelling

Year 2 Introduction to GIS and Spatial Analysis

Year 3
Digital Methods

Year 4
Digital Humanities Capstone



CREATIVE ARTS & COMMUNICATION

Turn creative passion into a profession.

Our collaborative environment reflects the way industries function: We encourage writers, designers, video producers, and communicators to work together on interdisciplinary projects. Each major emphasizes artistic exploration, technical expertise, critical reflection, and career development—you will gain firsthand experience by studying with professionals in the field and engaging with our strong network of industry partners. While you develop your creative expression, you'll learn to navigate the business aspects of your field.

THE CREATIVE STUDIO EXPERIENCE:

Our approach to professional studies in creative fields is as entrepreneurial as it is artistic. The Creative Studio Experience strategically creates opportunities, ideas, and experiences for you to work in cross-functional project teams and replicates how creative work gets done in the real world.

Over your four years, you'll hone your talents, discover your creative process, and develop the interpersonal skills that stellar coworkers are made of in advertising agencies, design firms, media houses, and other businesses that require creative output.



CAREER OPTIONS INCLUDE:

3-D Modeler

3-D or 2-D Animator

Compositor

Lighting Artist

Marketing and Advertising Creative

Motion Graphics Animator

Stop-Motion Animator or Claymator

Texture Artist

Virtual Environment Designer

Virtual Production Artist

Visual Effects (VFX) Artist

Web and Mobile Designer

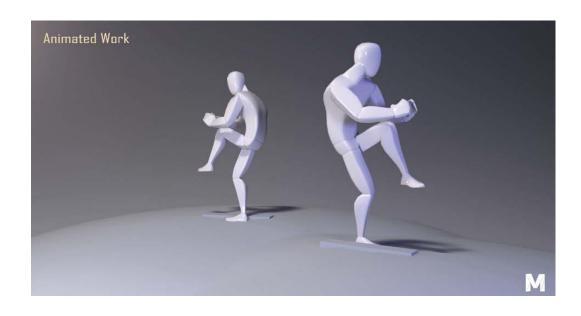
ANIMATION (BFA)

Be a part of the team that leaves us wondering, "How'd they do that?"

Animation may have advanced since the days of Disney's Steamboat Willie, but the basic principles behind the art remain the same. This major is a bold exploration into the center of digital arts, media, and storytelling.

In a collaborative, studio-like environment, students learn by doing as they produce projects that weave together concepts like 3-D and 2-D, green screen staging, post-production editing and compositing, character development and storyboarding, sound design, and more.

Champlain's Montreal campus is a hub for professional animation and visual effects studios. Study abroad to get hands-on experience at powerhouse studios and gain valuable industry insight. Students have access to the same powerful game engines and technology that our game studio experience students use to create stunning work that's earned them bragging rights for being among The Princeton Review's top 15 Programs for Game Design. There's no limit to what animators will bring to life next with the emerging trends in virtual reality and hyperrealism.



BROADCAST MEDIA PRODUCTION (BS)

Everyone has a story to tell—we'll show you how to tell it your way.

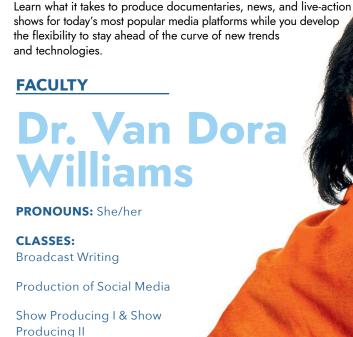
Our Broadcast Media Production major prepares you to build a successful career in streaming media, television, radio, and independent production companies. You'll be exposed to all forms of broadcast content, from news and sports to entertainment and informational pieces. Your senior year, you'll have a Capstone documentary experience and industry-grade project in your portfolio.

Through internships and other collaborations with professionals in the field, you'll immerse yourself in broadcast media techniques, such as single-camera production, editing, writing, directing, and producing creative content. Using professional equipment and technology, both in the studio and out in the field, you'll build four years of experience crafting content that keeps an audience's attention.



RECOGNITION:

The Broadcast Education Association ranked Champlain College #13 for best schools for documentary filmmaking in 2022.



Video Field Production



What opportunities have allowed you to apply classroom learning to real-world settings in your field? "Champlain helped me become the designer I am today. I now know what can make or break a design along with many of the tips, tricks, and secrets of my field. It's fun to apply this to the world around us since design is everywhere. Even when I spend time out with friends or family, I find myself scanning labels on various items to see if they were well designed or have flaws. Like graphic designer 'I spy' if you will."

What do you want to be ready for upon graduation? "The best part about Champlain is that they require you to have at least one internship experience before you graduate and go into the 'real world.' The people at the Career Collaborative often joke 'till death do us part,' meaning they are there whenever you need them, even after graduation! Champlain makes sure you are ready to succeed when you enter the professional world."

COMMUNICATION (BS)

Discover why the pen is mightier than the sword.

In today's media-rich world, highly skilled and well-rounded communicators are key for a company or organization to find success. Champlain's Communication major offers the depth and breadth of skills that will set you apart from other job candidates.

After developing a solid foundation in writing, presenting, content creation, and relationship-building, you'll select a minor that will become an integral part of your studies. You'll explore topics such as public speaking and social media content development, and you'll gain incredible hands-on experience through classroom projects and industry internships.

Champlain provides an unbeatable combination of worldwide opportunity and small-institution support—you'll be able to intern with a wide variety of globally respected clients on fascinating projects, and your professors will go out of their way to provide valuable resources and help you network.

You'll graduate with a substantial résumé, an impressive portfolio, and the confidence to enter any industry as an experienced communication professional.

Join Champlain's Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) chapter, an active network of students majoring in public relations-related fields.



100%

of our Class of 2022 Communication graduates who were employed six months after graduation were in careers relevant to their major.

WHERE OUR STUDENTS INTERN:

Burton Snowboards

Fuse

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ON-CAMPUS OPPORTUNITY

Work with Maple Street Media, a student-run firm that helps local businesses with PR, social media, and digital presence strategies.



CONCENTRATIONS:

Creative Writing
Game Media
Interaction Design
Moving Image (Film & Video)
Sonic Arts
Visual Art & Design

CREATIVE MEDIA (BFA)

Fine arts for today's creator economy.

Experiment in a variety of media and develop your ideas about artistic expression. After exploring the kinds of art that intrigue you most, you'll choose a primary and secondary concentration to develop your unique style and skill sets.

While you're gaining skills in multiple media forms, you will also hone your creative process by evaluating, deconstructing, and revising your work in collaborative portfolio classes and seminars. You'll build a professional portfolio that can include performances, drawings, digital media, poetry, sculpture, film, and all kinds of art installations.

This distinctive major—with its cross-disciplinary focus, deliberate emphasis on the business aspect of artistic endeavors, and support of courageous innovation—will allow you to creatively explore emerging media and prepare you to viably apply your talents and skills to the marketplace. You'll be challenged to consider how artists are part of society and how they engage with the important issues of today.

In the simplest terms, yōkai are supernatural beings, phenomena, spirits, objects, or entities in Japanese folklore that have a variety of characteristics and qualities; some may be kind and beneficial, while others may be deceptive and deadly. Some yōkai may be a blessing for one person but a disaster for another.

For my project, I am making six digital illustrations accompanied by timelapse videos of my drawing process that explore different types of yōkai. I'm focusing on yōkai that have humanlike qualities while exploring the concepts of what makes someone human or monster—good or evil—with aesthetics of beauty and eeriness.

-Delia Williams, '23 // Creative Media





CONCENTRATIONS:

Cinematography
Directing
Motion Graphics
Producing
Screenwriting
Sonic Arts

WHERE OUR GRADS WORK:

Unit Production Assistant // Netflix // New York, NY

Junior Editor & Animator // Scout Digital // Burlington, VT

Videographer and Editor // TDS Broadcasting LLC // Bend, OR

FILMMAKING (BFA)

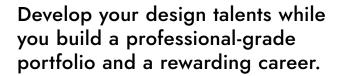
We'll put a camera in your hands in your first semester classes.

With guidance from award-winning filmmakers, you'll have hands-on experience in various roles, from director and cinematographer to sound designer and editor. Once you've explored the many opportunities in film production, you'll choose a concentration and focus on the aspects that interest you most. You'll be able to take filmmaking classes abroad in countries such as Italy, Saudia Arabia, The Gambia, and Sweden.

While you build a thorough knowledge base in film history, aesthetics, criticism, and the newest technologies, you'll also learn the business of filmmaking to help you polish your signature style and prepare you for a variety of creative opportunities in the industry. You'll also develop your personal voice in the production of narrative, experimental, and documentary films, as well as in corporate marketing work. You'll have access to state-of-the-art software and camera equipment in and out of the classroom. Experiences like these are why our talented film majors are frequently hired within the community, often after their first year.

Our faculty know that it's one thing to make a great film, but it's another to get it seen by the public. That's why they guide students through the film submissions process, requiring that all Capstone projects include press kits and feature compelling stills, trailers, synopses, and artist statements. You'll share your films through numerous contests, film festivals, regional television segments, and more.

GRAPHIC DESIGN & VISUAL COMMUNICATION (BFA)



Bridging traditional art principles and innovative technologies, Champlain's Graphic Design & Visual Communication major will have you exploring a wide spectrum of projects and design solutions. Fully accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD), the program will give you deep experience in the concepts and skills you need to become a creative problem-solver and accomplished designer.

You'll be well practiced in graphic design techniques as well as strategic planning for visual campaigns and messaging. Through internships with our local partners, you can experience the thrill of seeing your professional work in the community.

By the time you graduate, you'll have a professional-level design portfolio that's been rigorously critiqued by a panel of guest designers from top design firms.

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The Graphic Design & Visual Communication major really stretches you to think beyond the aesthetic value of art and design to projects with a purpose. Design is everywhere, and whether it's a global ad campaign or a set of campus parking signs, there's always an impact.

—Carly Laudenslager, '24 // Graphic Design & Visual Communication



champlain.edu/ academics-graphicdesign

WHERE OUR STUDENTS INTERN:

Burlington City Arts

Burton Snowboards

Clutch Creative

Driven Studio

Four Nine Design

WHERE OUR GRADS WORK:

Junior Motion Graphics Designer // Havas // New York, NY

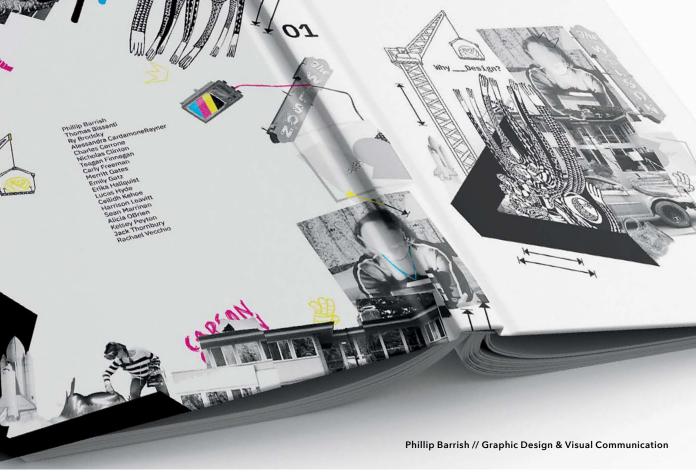
Graphic Designer // Trivium Interactive // Boston, MA

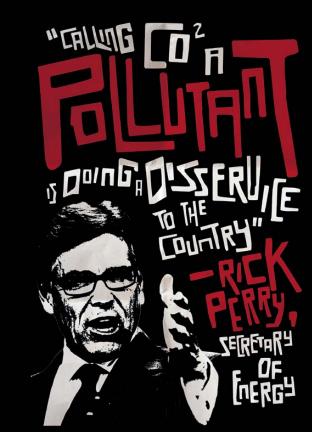
Content Specialist // Vail Resorts—Stowe Mountain Resort // Stowe, VT

CONCENTRATIONS:

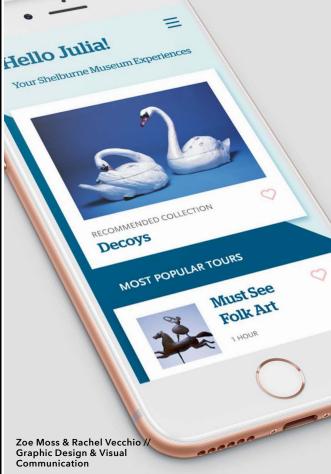
Graphic Design Motion Graphics Visual Communication

Niche.com ranks Champlain among the Top 150 Best Colleges for Design in America.





Ben Van Cleve // Graphic Design & Visual Communication



INTERACTION DESIGN (BS)

Design clever, helpful, and entertaining digital experiences that put people first.

When you put the customer first and provide intuitive, user-friendly experiences for your audience, it pays off. According to Glassdoor, the average base salary for UX designers is \$95,572. Encompassing areas such as user experience (UX) and user interface (UI) design, our Interaction Design major covers fascinating topics in visual design, programming, and psychology.

The popularity of an app, product, or device often comes down to users' experience with it: Is it easy—and appealing—to use? Learn what makes an interaction successful and how to create that experience for your audience.

You'll collaborate with students in other Champlain majors, such as Graphic Design & Visual Communication, to complete projects that put your skills to use. Through plentiful internship opportunities, and client-facing projects in the Emergent Media Center, you can dive into the detail and nuance of real interaction design work. You'll also have access to a free membership and private space to work at the Generator makerspace.

After exploring programming and visual design, you'll choose a concentration and focus your education on one or the other. Alternatively, you can work with your Faculty Advisor to choose program electives that support your goals.



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CONCENTRATIONS:

Implementation Visual Design

FEATURED COURSES:

Year 1
Applied Interactions
Interaction Design I

Year 2
Aesthetic Interactions
Web Design I

Year 3 Interaction Design Production User Research Methods & Analysis

Year 4
Design for Social Innovation
Interaction Design Capstone

FEATURED CAREER

UX Designer

According to Glassdoor, the average base salary for UX designers is \$92,280.

MARKETING COMMUNICATION (BS)



Stack your résumé with an impressive variety of industry-standard certifications.

As lines between communication and marketing become increasingly blurred, employers are seeing a need for quick-thinking, versatile leaders with experience in both fields.

Our rigorous Marketing Communication curriculum immerses you in the practical work of your profession. You'll plan campaign strategies, create content, and engage audiences through a variety of communication channels. You'll choose a minor by the end of your second year, building additional expertise in an area that can help you define your career path.

You'll be ready for the marketing professions of tomorrow with this future-forward major. You'll explore the connections between data and context, branding and storytelling. By learning the foundations of communication and marketing in your first year and through hands-on practice, you'll get a head start on valuable internship work. Employers turn to Champlain for interns because our students are quick to make significant contributions to their marketing and public relations strategies.

SELECT COURSES INCORPORATE CERTIFICATION IN:

Google Ads

Google Analytics

HubSpot

MuckRack

Stukent

MINORS:

Data Science

Entrepreneurship

Event Management

Global Studies

Interactive Narrative

Psychology

FEATURED COURSES:

Year 1

Consumer Behavior Introduction to Marketing

Year 2

Principles of Public Relations

Production of Social Media

Year 3

Communication & Creative Media Internship

Integrated Marketing Communication

Year 4

PR Campaign Development & Management

Strategic Community Management



PROFESSIONAL WRITING (BS)

Find your voice—and learn how to amplify it.

For writers today, rapid changes in digital communication, social media, and print require a solid foundation in the mechanics of good writing and editing, a storyteller's gift for narrative, a poet's eye for detail, and a desire to continue developing your talents in a dynamic industry.

Develop the adaptability to adjust your voice and techniques to suit the needs of your client or employer. Fine-tune your creative ideas and learn how to showcase your work. Make valuable connections with visiting authors, editors, agents, and other publishing professionals you'll meet in your classes.

Our Professional Writing program offers courses in creative writing, poetry, screenwriting, and technical writing, along with a wide range of electives that will enhance your writing abilities and expand your skill set.

At Champlain College, you learn the professional aspects of writing and how to get paid doing what you love. You'll gain hands-on experience in various fields through project-based courses and internships.

You'll graduate with a portfolio of work you're proud to share.



champlain.edu/ academics-professionalwriting

CONCENTRATIONS:

Creative Writing / Literature
Editing / Publishing
Journalism

OPTIONAL CONCENTRATION:

Screenwriting

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INCLUDE:

The Crossover publishes news, features, culture, and opinion stories.

Willard & Maple is a fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and fine arts literary magazine.

Chivomengro is a monthly zine offering personal essays, satire, and cultural commentary.

WHERE OUR GRADS WORK:

Editor // Tor Publishing // New York, NY

Associate UX Copywriter // Wayfair // Boston, MA

Copywriter // Dealer.com // Burlington, VT





EDUCATION, HUMANITIES & THE SCIENCES

The human touch in a digital world.

Build a career with a positive impact. Through extensive opportunities in community organizations, schools, government agencies, and other real-world settings, you'll gain invaluable experience. These classroom projects, internships, and field placements help you decide where to focus your efforts and who you want to become as a professional. Wherever your undergraduate work takes you—from the Vermont State House to an elementary school in Ireland—you'll be able to engineer solutions for human problems.



POTENTIAL JOB TITLES:

Actuary

Cryptographer

Epidemiologist

Mathematical Physicist

Risk Analyst

Statistical Analyst

FEATURED COURSES:

Year 1

Discrete Mathematics

Intro to Statistics & Data Visualization

Year 2

Calculus II

Vector Calculus

Year 3

Intro to Logic & Probability Linear Algebra

Year 4

Capstone Design

Capstone Senior Project

LOVE MATH? TRY THIS:



If it's 8:02 in Vermont, what degree is the angle produced between the hour hand and minute hand on an analog clock? Check your answer at the bottom of the page.

APPLIED MATHEMATICS (BS)

Calling all problem-solvers and puzzle people: This one's for you.

The Applied Mathematics program is all about learning how to use advanced math to solve the kinds of problems you encounter every day. Think about working on environmental sustainability, forecasting election results, or even contributing to groundbreaking inventions. At Champlain, applied mathematics is about more than just mastering numbers; it's mastering your interests. The program is designed to give you the flexibility and freedom to bridge your love of math with your passion for pretty much anything. And with 46 minors at Champlain that complement the Applied Mathematics program, there are plenty of options for you to pursue.

The curriculum combines foundational math courses, like calculus, statistics, discrete mathematics, and programming, with specialized math electives that let you dig into the areas of math you're most interested in. These courses are where you'll get to use your math skills in intriguing projects, like creating digital art, developing innovative tech, or researching social wellness issues. It's in real-world scenarios like these that you'll get a deeper understanding of math's use across many industries.

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We don't play in theoretical fantasy land. It is exciting for me as a mathematician to be able to focus with my students on how math is going to help them solve problems in the real world.

—Melanie Brown // Program Director & Associate Professor, Applied Mathematics

APPLIED SUSTAINABILITY (BS)

Not all heroes wear capes to work, but saving the world is a full-time job.

Our natural environments, social systems, and governments are linked with one another. Rather than study each area separately, explore the intersections to discover where you can make the most effective impact.

In Champlain's Applied Sustainability major, you'll start studying social justice, environmental health, and economic welfare on day one. Your lab will be the City of Burlington, one of the first cities to source 100% renewable energy and an incubator for new practices in sustainable futures. Champlain students have even helped pass climate laws in Vermont.

In your third year, you'll be encouraged to choose a concentration to hone your expertise and help narrow down the wide variety of career options to your main areas of interest.

After four years of experiential learning and expert guidance, you'll be ready to nurture a sustainable future for people, the planet, and profit.

Green College

Champlain College is featured on the 2023 Guide to Green Colleges list by The Princeton Review.



CONCENTRATIONS:

Dialogue & Consensus Building for Sustainable Solutions
Education for Sustainability
Environmental Communication
Environmental Policy
Environmental Studies
Reinventing Business Through
Sustainability

Data Science for Sustainability

FEATURED COURSES:

Year 1

Environmental Earth Sciences Introduction to Sustainability Studies

Year 2

Food Systems & Policy Policy & Governance in Sustainable Systems

Year 3

Campus & Community as a Living Lab Equity, Justice & Sustainability

Year 4

Ecological Economics
Sustainability Applications
(Internship)



CONCENTRATIONS:

Computer Science Education
Early Childhood Education
Elementary Education
Middle & Secondary Education
Middle Grades English
Language Arts
Middle Grades Mathematics
Middle Grades Social Studies
Secondary Level English
Secondary Level Mathematics
Secondary Level Social Studies

WHERE OUR GRADS WORK:

Homeroom Teacher // Nashville International Academy // Nashville, TN

Lead Teacher // Wildwood Learning Center // Hopkinton, MA

6th Grade Social Studies Teacher // Burlington School District // Burlington, VT

EDUCATION (BS)

Get into local classrooms every year of your undergraduate studies.

At Champlain, you'll work with students in local classrooms throughout all four years of college, doing fieldwork and observation that aligns with your coursework each semester. This level of classroom involvement and practical experience is uncommon for most education majors.

You'll dive deeply into curriculum design. You'll understand how students learn differently and develop teaching practices for culturally diverse classrooms. You'll find local and international service learning options.

With support from expert faculty, you'll build confidence and experience as you work up to your final senior semester of full-time classroom teaching.

Depending on what grade levels and subject areas you study, you may be able to choose more than one concentration. You'll work closely with your Faculty Advisor to explore your interests, choose your concentration(s), and create the ideal pathway into the teaching career you envision.

By graduation, you'll be eligible—and very well prepared—to apply for a teaching license in Vermont, and your Advisor can help you navigate licensure in another state.

The fall semester of my first year, I got to help out in a classroom, which is rare for education majors at other schools.

-Andrew Connell, '20 // Education





PSYCHOLOGY (BS)

Perform research in a world-class behavioral neuroscience lab.

You can learn psychology almost anywhere. At Champlain, you also learn how to turn it into a career. In the Champlain College Behavioral Neuroscience Lab, you'll be able to conduct research (as an undergraduate!) with the guidance of the experienced doctors who teach in the program. You'll have access to state-of-the-art tools, such as EEG testing, physiology recording equipment, and a tDCS machine (to stimulate specific areas of the brain), some of the only technology of its kind in the Northeast.

While you're taking psychology courses in your first year, you'll begin to think about how you'd like to use your degree after graduation—you'll become familiar with the career options available and can start narrowing them down. In your third and fourth years at Champlain, you'll choose a concentration to focus on the aspects of psychology that interest you most. These courses are hands-on and practical, and will include professional and/or research internships. Your résumé or application to graduate school will stand out from others with the research credentials you earn as an undergraduate student at Champlain.

CONCENTRATIONS:

Flex Path (create your own)
Health & Wellbeing
Social Change / Social Impact

WHERE OUR GRADS WORK:

Kid Logic Learning // South Burlington, VT

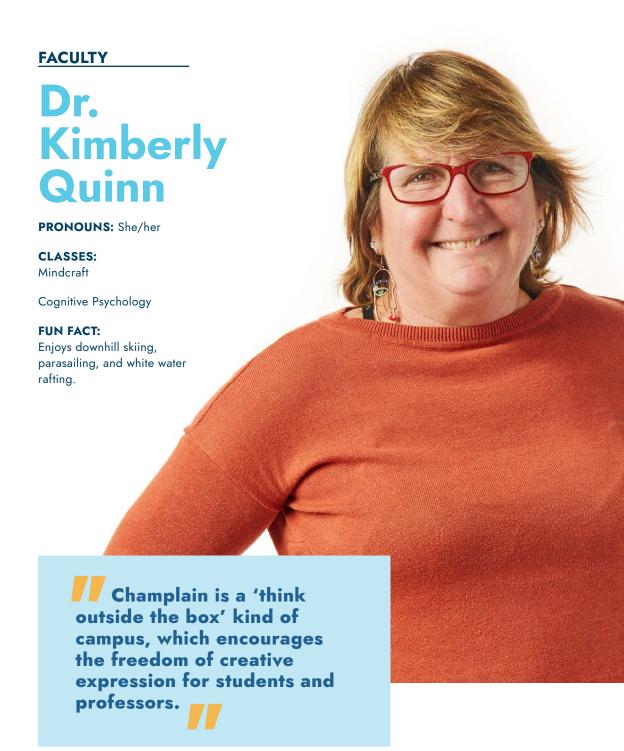
Behavioral Interventionist // Howard Center // Rutland, VT

Hiring HR Assistant // U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services // Arlington, VA

Research Assistant // University of Maine Center on Aging // Bangor, ME

Special Education Support Staff // Bellcate School // Essex Junction, VT





Along with her role as a professor, Dr. Quinn serves as Champlain College's Wellbeing & Success Coach. She hosts webinars on Trauma & Resilience and a weekly Mindcraft podcast series aimed at striving for optimal wellbeing and life satisfaction. Dr. Quinn has been a featured speaker for TEDx and other events on topics such as social media and wellbeing, and embracing neurodiversity.



GAME DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT

Imagination in action.

Ranked among the Top 15 Schools for Game Design by The Princeton Review, Champlain College replicates the experience you'll encounter when you enter the workforce—working side by side with peers from other disciplines to create playable games. Through your résumé, portfolio, and confidence when interviewing, you'll be able to demonstrate to employers that you've already done the work they're hiring for.

THE GAME STUDIO EXPERIENCE:

Our hands-on Game Studio Experience mirrors the way the workforce actually works: together. Your classmates will become your colleagues as you tackle shared projects, like creating fully playable games. Consistently ranked among the top game programs in the country, Champlain's game studio curriculum brings students together in professional teams for collaborative, multidisciplinary, experiential projects led by expert faculty. By the end of your senior year, you'll build and present a fully functional game as part of your Capstone project. But don't worry—you won't do it alone—you'll be part of a high-functioning team made up of all your classmates from each of our Game majors.

Over the course of your four years in a studio experience, you'll have worked closely with others and built a better understanding of your talents and how to be a team player. You'll develop a strong portfolio of industry-specific skills and experiences. In your Capstone team project, you and your team will debut your game at the annual Senior Show, which draws over 50 recruiters every year from AAA and indie studios.





WHERE OUR GRADS WORK:

Technical Animator // High Moon Studio // Carlsbad, CA

Associate Artist // Proletariat, Inc. // Boston, MA

Junior Environment Artist // Raven Software // Middleton, WI

Associate Technical Artist
// Rockstar New England //
Andover, MA

Junior Environment Artist // Vicarious Visions // Albany, NY

3-D Artist and Animator // Grover Gaming // Greenville, NC

Associate Environment Artist // Happy Mushroom // Los Angeles, CA

GAME ART (BFA)

See your art come to life.

Perfect for artists seeking a rewarding career, our rigorous Game Art curriculum builds digital and technical skills on a solid foundation of art principles. With the Upside-Down Curriculum, you'll have much longer to develop your skills as you begin your game art classes in your first semester.

Through the Game Studio Experience at Champlain, you will be part of a creative team in an environment that replicates real studios in the game industry. In addition to developing extensive skills in creating 2-D and 3-D game environments, characters, and animation, you'll practice collaboration, communication, and all the power skills that come with working on a professional team.

By the time you graduate, you'll have an impressive portfolio of models, animations, sculptures, and concept art. You'll be able to proudly showcase your art to the game industry recruiters who attend our annual Senior Show.









CONCENTRATIONS:

Business Strategy
Content & Community
Research & Analytics

FEATURED COURSES:

Year 1 Game History

Introduction to Game Business & Publishing

Year 2
Business Law
The Game Business Lifecycle

Year 3
Managerial Economics
The Global Game Industry

Year 4
Capstone in Game Development

CAREER OPTIONS INCLUDE:

Branded Content Coordinator
Digital Product Manager
Esports Brand Manager
Esports Broadcasting
Esports Game Agent (fraud and cheating)
Influencer Partnership Manager

Live/Streaming Event Manager
User Experience Analyst

Game Business & Publishing (BS)

Get familiar with the game industry by immersing yourself in it.

Business is a broad field, and when it comes to the game industry, competition is fierce. Champlain's Game Business & Publishing program, which follows the International Game Developers Association framework for its interdisciplinary curriculum, allows you to develop your business acumen within the context of game markets and production cycles.

Business strategy, user engagement analysis, financial modeling, esports partnership management—the game industry relies on business-minded individuals in all manner of roles. Outside of game development, there's a lot to promoting games, gathering research, and bringing a game to the public.

After learning the foundations of business and the game industry in year one, you'll be ready to dive into résumébuilding internships. Our close ties to game businesses—from small studios to some of the biggest names in the world—ensure a wide variety of on-the-job learning opportunities.

In your second year, you'll choose a concentration that allows you to focus on the aspects of game publishing that interest you most. Guided by experts in game, business, and career development, you'll explore the many career options and specialized fields within the game industry and start mapping your way into your dream job. In your senior year, you'll be part of a team that creates a workable game as your Capstone experience, demonstrating your ability to bring a game to fruition.



FACULTY

Kel Bachus

PRONOUNS: They/he

CLASSES:

Advanced Seminar in Game Design

Interactive Narrative I

Interactive Narrative II

Principles of Game Design

FUN FACT:

Enjoys long-distance swimming and knows how to make penguins take their vitamins.

As they work in teams, students become used to wearing different hats and being really flexible. We hear less 'that's not my job' and a lot more 'yeah, I can handle that.'

Kel Bachus has written and designed for *Elder Scrolls Online*, *Kingdoms of Amalur MMO*, and Disruptor Beam's *Game of Thrones*. Their essays and short fiction have been published in numerous magazines and anthologies. Outside the classroom, Bachus continues to mentor and collaborate with students in game studios. They are Executive Director and founder of Rad Magpie, a nonprofit for the advancement of women, BIPOC, and the LGBTQIA+ community in video game development.



GAME DESIGN (BS)

Become the architect of your new favorite games.

From logic to levels to storylines, learn how to design engaging gameplay while you explore different types of game design and build up extensive skills in the areas that interest you most.

Imagine what playing out your favorite board game in real life would be like—where would you start designing your own version of it? The Game Design program at Champlain teaches you to bring it all together, from start to finish. You'll practice building the rules, mechanics, and story of a game, as well as the levels of play and environment of each, step-by-step experience for players, and conditions of the world in which your game takes place. In your game, maybe your main character speaks with an accent or has a debilitating weakness for something, like kryptonite. You'll learn to map it all and see it come to life by working with programmers, artists, managers, and more through the Game Studio Experience.

On day one, you'll jump into a hands-on curriculum that allows you to build a studio-grade portfolio of collaborative work over four years. The immersive environment of our Game Studio Experience uniquely prepares you to enter the industry directly—first as a student intern and again as a graduating professional.



WHERE OUR GRADS WORK:

Associate Designer, Card Design // Blizzard Entertainment // Irvine, CA

Associate Level Designer // High Moon Studios // Carlsbad, CA

Games Test Associate // Lionbridge // Boise, ID

Design Consultant // MetroVR Studios // Cambridge, MA

User Experience Researcher // Saber Astronautics // Boulder, CO

QA Specialist // Schell Games // Pittsburgh, PA

The class that surprised me most was my very first Intro to Game Development class. I had come in with basically no expectations, but it ended up teaching me so much about both the process of teamwork and game development, and also the ways to handle working through a difficult class.

-Milo Duclayan, '25 // Game Design



WHERE OUR GRADS WORK:

Head of Communications // Comma.ai // San Diego, CA

Associate Producer // Proletariat, Inc. // Boston, MA

Production Support // Rockstar Games // Carlsbad, CA

Project Manager // Saber Astronautics // Boulder, CO

Production Coordinator // Sony Santa Monica Studios // Santa Monica, CA

QA Manager // Weathered Sweater // Winooski, VT

GAME PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT (BS)

Learn how to lead a development team to produce the next big video game.

With our Game Studio Experience, you'll learn the whole development process by leading a team through it. You'll become a seasoned pro at team motivation, asset organization, and being that all-important go-between for your department and company executives.

This isn't a project management degree with a side of game. You'll gain firsthand project management and leadership experience in game-specific ways to support your team, from playtesting beta versions to interpreting player feedback. Through game industry internships, you'll try out the role and the ever-changing nature of the day-to-day work.

With four years of direct experience, you'll create a great portfolio of studio work and write a résumé that showcases your project management, game fluency, team leadership, and business skills.

EXTRACURRICULARS:

Game Production Management students have extra opportunities built into the major, including an industry SCRUM certification, study abroad with internship opportunities in Asia through a Freeman Foundation Grant, and multiple opportunities to attend national conferences and other game events like Pax East and SIGGRAPH.

GAME PROGRAMMING (BS)

Create magic—bring video game concepts to life for players.

In our Game Programming major, you'll learn valuable and versatile programming skills in the context of game development.

Your instructors have extensive industry experience and contacts, and throughout the program, you'll have opportunities to meet guest speakers, recruiters, and Game Studio Experience alumni. The internships available for our game programmers offer innovative, new ways to create programming solutions.

While you're immersed in computer science, programming languages, and game engines, you'll also practice teamwork with other game disciplines. The Game Studio Experience will give you a significant advantage over other job candidates once you get out into this competitive market. While many candidates will bring general programming knowledge to a game-specific position, you'll have four years of solid game programming experience and a portfolio that speaks for itself.



WHERE OUR GRADS WORK:

programming

Associate Game Designer // Rockstar Games // Carlsbad, CA

Associate AI Programmer // Rockstar New England // Andover, MA

Senior Engine Programmer // Sony Bend Studios // Bend, OR

Software Engineer // Enduring Games // Austin, TX

Associate Technical UI Designer // Infinity Ward // Woodland Hills, CA

Game Programmer // Mino Games // Montreal, Canada

GAME DEVELOPERS CONFERENCE

In the 2023 spring semester, 15 game majors attended the national Game Developers Conference in San Francisco, CA. Students networked with game studio professionals, including at special events for Champlain College alums to mentor current students.



So far, what classes or experiences have you found most impactful? "I think that the Game Studio Experience classes have been the most impactful. I enjoy all of the programming classes and their topics (in fact, they are my favorite classes), but it is important to know how to work as a team. Games aren't typically made by a single person these days. Even most indie games are at least made by a small team. Game Studio Experience classes have allowed me to build upon my teamwork skills and create products that are more than the sum of my own work."

How would you describe the Champlain community? "Wherever you go, no matter who you are, you are almost guaranteed to find a group of people that will accept you. I did not expect to make so many friends while I was here, but now, nearly everywhere I go, I can find someone I know."

GAME SOUND DESIGN (BS)

Build tension, add to the action, and design the perfect atmosphere.

A good video game relies on a great soundtrack. Our Game Sound Design major is perfect for students who can't wait to design the audio elements of a game.

You'll learn music composition, scoring, voice-over recording, game engine scripting, and more—all while working directly with game engines on a game development team. Expert faculty will support you in developing your technical skills and refining your ear for acoustics. Your team-based projects will help you develop the communication and leadership skills employers want. Your well-connected Career Coach will help you find internships that put your sound design and collaboration skills to good use.

By diving into the hands-on design and production of game audio for four years, you'll bring an unmatched expertise—and portfolio of work—to future employers.

The Champlain Sound Studio has been designed and built from the ground up as a professional-grade music studio. It has complete sonic isolation, a wide variety of available instruments, and an SSL XL desk—a world-class mixing console.



FEATURED COURSES:

Year 1

Fundamentals of Digital Music Introduction to Game Development

Year 2

Game Production I
Synthesis & Sound Design

Year 3

Game Production II
Sound Design for Interactivity
& Games II

Year 4

Business of Music Portfolio for Game Sound Design







LAW & SOCIETY

Influence change and make an impact in your community.

We've been building better futures at Champlain College since 1878, and we have no intention of slowing down. In fact, we want to prepare you to become your own agent of change, so you can move communities and livelihoods forward well into your future.

There's no better place to learn how to make an impact than the state of Vermont. Our small (but mighty) size means you'll have unique access to representatives, community leaders, organizational heads, and law enforcement to help put your ideas into action. In fact, don't be surprised if one of your classes is taught by a State's Attorney.



PASS IT ON:

Students have the opportunity to participate in the Prison Law Initiative, a yearlong internship teaching the incarcerated how to conduct legal research and writing.

EXPERIENCE THE SYSTEM AT WORK:

As a senior, you will complete fieldwork in a local, state, or federal criminal justice agency to gain crucial hands-on experience and confidence in dealing with real-life situations.

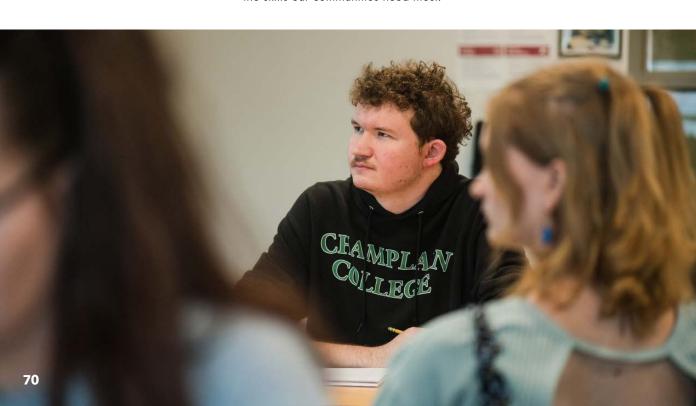
CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE (BS)

Become an effective and ethical community leader in justice.

The demand for reform-minded criminal justice professionals has exploded. Our program allows you to delve into the full spectrum of criminal justice topics, from lab-based forensics to restorative justice systems.

Your instructors are professionals with insider perspectives, including criminal trial judges, lawyers, and Vermont's Attorney General. Your coursework will include projects such as writing solutions to modern ethical dilemmas, participating in mock trials under the guidance of real trial judges, and designing a new criminal justice system over the course of a semester. If your path is law enforcement, you'll have the option to complete a 15-week, 15-credit program in residence at the Vermont Police Academy to qualify for the Academy's admissions standards.

With remarkable experiential learning opportunities and an innovative, current curriculum, you will enter the workforce with the skills our communities need most.



LAW (BS)

You don't have to wait until graduate school.

Start studying law on day one. Champlain's Law major offers deep career preparation through courses you'd normally have to wait until law school to take.

One of just a few undergraduate Law degrees in the country, this program offers an ideal blend of firsthand legal experience and humanities-based liberal arts. All of your Law courses will be taught by legal experts—judges, lawyers, and elected or appointed officials—who will give you a true insider understanding of law and its procedures.

You'll gain analytical and practical skills in subjects such as criminal law, contract law, torts, civil procedure, and family law—and that's just in your first two years. A field placement with a law office, governmental agency, or corporate legal department during your senior year will give you the experience that high-quality graduate programs and employers seek.

Champlain has agreements with New York Law School and Vermont Law School to admit highly qualified graduates, with scholarhsips and accelerated track options.

I believe that the field of law is important to help society determine right from wrong and to help those who are innocent gain a voice.

-Chloe Thenor '23 // Law



WHERE OUR GRADS GO TO LAW SCHOOL:

Duke University School of Law New York Law School*

Northeastern University School of Law

University of Michigan Law School

University of North Carolina School of Law

University of Pittsburgh School of Law

University of Texas School of Law: Austin

Vermont Law School*

* These law schools offer guaranteed admission to Champlain Law students who meet certain admissions requirements.

FEATURED COURSES:

ear 1

Introduction to Law Contracts

Year 2

Legal Research & Writing Social Justice Intensive

Year 3

Constitutional Law Property Law

Year 4

Law Externship Capstone: Law



100%

of our 2022 Social Work graduates were employed in career-relevant positions just six months after graduating.

WHERE OUR GRADS WORK:

Residential Rehab Specialist // Riverbend CMHC // Concord, NH

Post-Adoption Case Worker // Adoption Journeys // Waltham, MA

Wraparound Facilitator // Center for Human Services // Shoreline, WA

Residential Counselor // Northeastern Family Institute VT // Burlington, VT

SOCIAL WORK (BSW)

Make a career of empowering people.

If you are driven to bring significant change to the world, you will find no better place to start than Champlain's Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) program.

Through a combination of broad-based education and a lot of field experiences, you'll be prepared for a rewarding career that provides resources, help, and hope to those who need it most. Beginning in your first year, you'll be ready for internships that allow you to connect with the community in meaningful ways. You'll be part of the annual visit to Vermont's Statehouse, meeting legislators with social work backgrounds to see how they put their degrees to work for their communities.

In your senior year, you will participate in a yearlong internship with more than 400 hours of direct experience. You'll have a supervisor and mentor from highly trained field instructors in the community. This intense immersion helps you develop your professional identity and hone your social work skills.

As a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, you can go on to earn a Master of Social Work in just one year. Nearly half the students who graduate from this major take advantage of this accelerated opportunity.





INDIVIDUALIZED STUDIES

Intersect your interests.

Your individuality will be embraced here, and that doesn't stop at your personal interests or sense of style. Here, that includes your career goals and curriculum, too. We put you in the driver's seat of your education at Champlain College. With 116 unique areas of study and countless ways to mix and match them to suit your professional interests, there's no limit to what you can learn here.

What are you ready to explore?



A SMALL SAMPLE OF THE AREAS YOU COULD STUDY:

Activist Marketing

Advocacy

Alternative Justice Studies

Business

Communication

Computer Science

Cybersecurity

Data Science

Education

Environmental Studies & Conflict Management

Global Diversity

Government Studies

Innovation & Entrepreneurship

Media Production

Mobile Application Development

Professional Writing

Psychology

Psychology, Conflict & Mediation

Software Engineering

Sonic Arts

Strategic Communication

Sustainability Studies

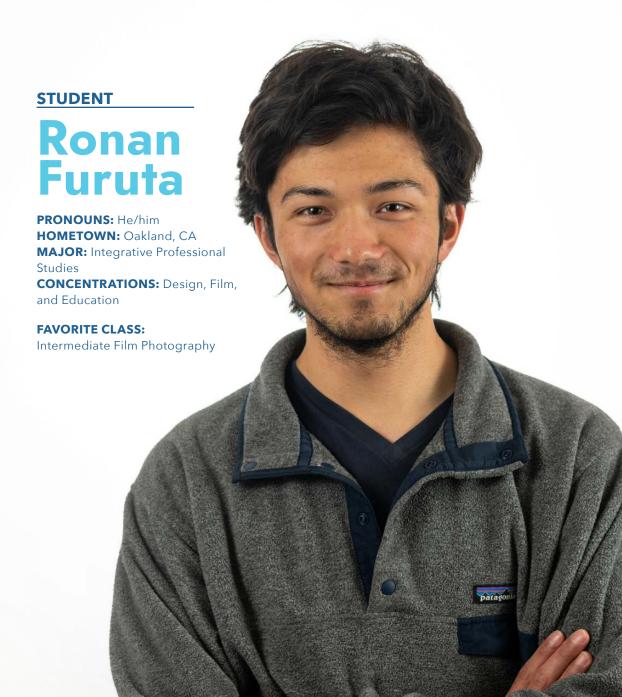
INTEGRATIVE PROFESSIONAL STUDIES "DEGREE DESIGN LAB" (BS)

If you can imagine a career in it, the Degree Design Lab can help you build the most direct, tailored path to studying it.

With so many subject areas to choose from, we know how challenging it can be to pick just one or maybe even two majors. That's why we've made it easier for you to study what you love. In addition to the Upside-Down Curriculum that engages students in their majors from day one, the Degree Design Lab is a tool to help students test-drive majors they're interested in and ultimately map out a completely customized Champlain College degree: the BS in Integrative Professional Studies.

Students can select up to three topics from roughly 50 options that correspond to sequences of courses in that subject area. Degree Design Lab students have put together such subjects as law and broadcast media, cybersecurity and social justice, and sonic arts and cybersecurity, to name a few. This major is also transfer-friendly, with most college credits you may have earned at another institution accepted.

Every student is supported by a team of Faculty Advisors to focus on both the subject areas and the gray areas in between them in order to build the integrated thinking, learning, and working skills employers today demand. You'll create a path as unique as you.



What drew you to your major? "I think my major in the Degree Design Lab is perfect for me. I love film, graphic design, and teaching, and I want to pursue each to the fullest extent possible. Getting to work with the amazing faculty has allowed me to choose classes and a path that will work the best for my needs."

What is something you've grown proud of during your time at Champlain? "I'm both proud of my filmmaking work but also very aware that I have a ton left to learn. Being at Champlain as opposed to high school gives me access to a lot more people who are also invested in film."

UNDECLARED

At Champlain College, you don't need to know exactly where you're going to get a head start getting there.

It doesn't matter if you start college knowing which field you wish to pursue when you graduate—you just need to know you want to graduate prepared to do something you love and to live a life that's satisfying and meaningful.

Champlain is uniquely positioned to help you if you are still weighing your options about which major to take. The Upside-Down Curriculum is perfect for you—it will allow you to test-drive various career paths to see which aligns with your interests, abilities, and goals.

In fact, the Upside-Down Curriculum helps many students who enter Champlain without declaring a major quickly identify which fields they don't want to be in. It enables them to identify another major, switch directions quickly during their first year, and keep going without missing a beat.

The other important factors that help Champlain students identify the right major and thrive in it are our student-to-faculty ratio of 11:1 and average class size of 15. In this attentive environment, our faculty members will be able to get to know you on a personal level and give you guidance that ensures you end up in a major (and a profession!) that aligns with your passions and strengths.

champlain.edu/academics-undeclared

I got the opportunity to take some more art-focused classes and communications-focused classes when I was undeclared. I was very inspired by them and had a wonderful Advisor at the time who built that support and encouraged me to choose Creative Media and made it feel like, 'Yeah, I can do that. I see myself with those people, and I see myself building on top of my skills even more.'

-Emma Dannenberg, '24 // Creative Media



FACULTY

Our faculty practice what they teach.

Work side by side with leaders in your field, gaining industry insights and tapping into their professional networks all the while. Your professors will know your name by the end of the first week and use it to say hello in the hallways. Soon, they'll be recommending you for internships with their industry contacts.

With an average class size of 15 and student/faculty ratio of 11:1, you won't be lost at the back of a lecture hall. Your classes will have you participating in animated discussions, collaborating on projects, and investigating every question.

Our faculty go beyond the extra mile to help you learn and succeed. As current and former practitioners in their fields, they can't wait for you to join them and to bring you along for the ride.

I thought my professors would not make the coursework engaging or that it would be hard to get to know them. I was definitely wrong. All of my professors are not only passionate about the topics they teach but also care about my success in the classroom.

-Ahmed Adan, '24 // Accounting & Finance



EXPERIENCE

There's no substitute for real experience—that's why it's the heart of your Champlain education. From classroom projects to internships with big-name companies, you'll learn by doing (over and over and over again).

INTERN EARLY. INTERN OFTEN.

Because your classroom education is hands-on and skills-specific from the beginning, you bring professional know-how to your internships, even as early as your second semester. This is why employers—like Burton Snowboards, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, NASA, and Ubisoft—come looking for Champlain students specifically and often turn to our graduates to fill full-time positions.

THE STUDIO EXPERIENCE. READY TO COLLABORATE?

Our hands-on Studio Experience mirrors the way the workforce actually works: together. Your classmates will become your colleagues as you tackle shared projects, like creating books or magazines with designers and writers or fully playable games with game programmers, game artists, and game producers. Collaborative, multidisciplinary, and purpose-driven, the Studio Experience checks off that "works well with others" requirement you'll need when applying to just about any job.

CENTERS OF EXPERIENCE BRIDGING THE CLASSROOM AND COMMUNITY

Right here on campus, our Centers of Experience offer credit-bearing and paid internships for students to apply their classroom learning and bring entrepreneurial visions to life.



CHAMPLAIN'S CENTERS OF EXPERIENCE

Center for Community & Social Justice The Center for Community & Social Justice develops new models of community engagement, social safety networks, and policing that support whole community health and safety. The Center serves as a think tank and incubator for longer-term societal solutions. champlain.edu/ccsj

Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (CIE) The

CIE is an incubation lab for student-initiated startup businesses. Through the CIE, student entrepreneurs connect with a network of established entrepreneurs, lawyers, accountants, and technical experts, among other business professionals. champlain.edu/academics-cie

Emergent Media Center® (EMC) The EMC is an award-winning center of innovation. Through a collaborative, iterative design cycle, the EMC supports the creativity of students in the design and production of games, mobile apps, physical prototypes, video, virtual reality, and other technological experiences. champlain.edu/academicsemc

Senator Patrick Leahy
Center for Digital Forensics
& Cybersecurity The
Leahy Center is a worldclass laboratory where
students from Champlain's
undergraduate programs
work alongside professionals
on research and real cases
involving cybercrime, digital
forensics, and information
assurance. champlain.edu/
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ABROAD

Changing the world starts by seeing the world.

To nurture global citizenship and expand perspectives, every major at Champlain is designed to accommodate at least one semester of study abroad. Among a variety of travel options, our two international campuses—in Dublin, Ireland, and Montreal, Canada—provide seamless opportunities to explore the world without leaving the Champlain community.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING SHORTER THAN A SEMESTER ABROAD?

Each semester, the Core curriculum features at least one faculty-led travel course that enables students to spend an entire semester studying a diverse topic and then travel the world to see it in action. Most recently, students in Professor Gary Scudder's Theoretical Perspectives classes studied Islamic theology before studying in Jordan during spring break.

GAIN PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE ALONGSIDE YOUR INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE WHEN YOU INTERN ABROAD.

It's not uncommon for students to secure internships in locations like Dublin, Ireland, or Bangkok, Thailand, when they study abroad. There are multiple offices and resources at Champlain to help you navigate the process and find an internship to participate in while you study abroad.

champlain.edu/academics-study-abroad



CAMPUS AS CLASSROOM

Want to dive deeper into what you love? Tools, resources, and support are at your fingertips. Most facilities and services are available to all Champlain students, regardless of major, so you can be sure you'll learn by doing.

BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE LAB

It is generally uncommon for undergraduate Psychology students to have access to the type of equipment, research opportunities, and faculty guidance offered by the Behavioral Neuroscience Lab at Champlain College. Together, students and faculty perform experiments centered around brain stimulation and its effects, specifically looking at cognitive functions, aging populations, emotional regulation, and health and wellbeing.

ENVIRONMENTAL EXPLORATION & THE GREEN REVOLVING FUND

When it comes to learning about the environment, we believe your environment should be your playground. From a fully functioning, honey-producing apiary to a student-made aquaponic (hydroponic meets aquaponic) system, supporting the natural world is simply in our nature. That's why we also offer the Green Revolving Fund to fund ideas for environmentally sound technologies and practices on campus.

GENERATOR

A makerspace is a creative environment where people share tools and knowledge to make almost anything. Through a partnership with Generator, a local makerspace that includes a dedicated area just for Champlain, students have access to 3-D printers, an electronics lab, a metalwork studio, woodshop space, and so much more. Students from all majors have access to classes and events held at Generator, a makerspace and incubator for product and business development. **champlain.edu/academics-makerlab**

PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT RENTAL HOUSE

At Champlain, we'll provide the lights and camera—you bring the action. Learning the foundations of digital media is just one side of the creative coin. The other is keeping up with the changing technologies and tools that make it happen. Our Rental House manages the Production Stage on campus and lends equipment, including Canon XA10s, Canon 60Ds, MixPre 3 sound devices, RED Geminis, tripods, and lenses, to name a few.

ACADEMIC RESOURCES

Whether you want to get ahead or get caught up in your classes, at Champlain, it's all hands on deck to get you there. From group study sessions and time management workshops to individual and online tutoring, we believe that getting help should never be hard.

SMART SPACE

The Study Mentors and Resource Tutors (SMART) Space is your headquarters for academic success and one-stop shop for making the most out of your Champlain education.

ACADEMIC COACHES

will work with you to improve your study skills, advocate for yourself, build your reading comprehension, and stay on top of your assignments throughout the semester.

24/7 ONLINE TUTORING VIA SMARTHINKING

provides round-the-clock tutoring and homework help, from anywhere you have internet access. This real-time service connects you with live tutors and access to subject-specific guides and a full range of study resources, including writing and studying manuals, and research tools.

TUTORING CENTERS

are where you'll find subject-matter experts and peer-to-peer tutoring (with no appointment necessary!) from students recommended by faculty. Subject areas include accounting and finance, cybersecurity, digital forensics, game studio, math, programming, and writing.

MILLER INFORMATION COMMONS (THE LIBRARY)

This isn't your grandma's library. With adaptable study spaces, a 3-D printer, Chromebooks and drawing tablets to borrow, and more than 600,000 e-books available anytime, this is what the centerpiece of your education looks like. Plus, it's where you'll find the best view on campus.



CHAMPLAIN (AT A GLANCE)

Champlain College is a small, not-for-profit, private residential college overlooking Lake Champlain in Burlington, Vermont, with additional campuses in Montreal, Canada, and Dublin, Ireland.

ESTABLISHED:

1878

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE:

15

STUDENT-TO- FACULTY RATIO:

11:1

OUTCOMES:



Over the last six years, 92% of graduates were employed or continuing their education within six months after graduating.

ACTIVITIES & CLUBS: From esports to Equestrian Club, Champlain has around 50 clubs, organizations, and leadership opportunities. And if we don't have a club you're interested in, you can easily start your own! There's something exciting happening every weekend; activities include bowling outings, trivia contests, movie nights, and more.

champlain.edu/academics-to-do

VISIT

We invite you to explore our campus and hometown, and see why so many students fall in love with the community—and the views. Can't make it in person? See our beautiful campus in action through a virtual tour: tour.champlain.edu. We look forward to sharing everything that makes Champlain's academic experience unique.

champlain.edu/academics-visit

Visit the campus. Maybe within the first 10 minutes of being here, I looked at my mom and my dad and they kinda knew that this was the place for me.

-Anthony Mahon, '19 // Creative Media

