What does the ideal college look like?

A lot like this.

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ON THE COVER

Andrea Cincotta, one of our Graphic Design & Visual Communication majors, was hired within one month after graduating by Proportion Design, a brand strategy and development agency in Boston.
Since 1878, we’ve been preparing students to be ready for work, ready for life, ready for anything through our distinctive approach to education that offers unmatched opportunities for academic, professional, and personal growth.

We do things differently and we do them with purpose. The first difference you’ll notice is our majors, which are detailed in these pages: They are career focused and reflect the most promising professional fields. Our market driven curriculum is centered on real world experience our extensive internships take you out into the field, and our international programs take you out into the world.

Read on to learn how our distinctive academics work together to deliver one of the most comprehensive, useful educations available today one that our current students appreciate and that launches our graduates into career success: 93% of graduates over the last six years were employed or continuing their education within six months after graduating.

Champlain’s innovative academics and rigorous career focus will take you further than you ever imagined you could go and faster than you could believe possible. Our graduates are in high demand in the job market, and you will be too.
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 revise each program curriculum to ensure you learn the most relevant skills and concepts for the workplace you’ll be entering.

**Accounting** (BS)  
**Accounting: Accelerated (BS)**  
**App Development (BS)**  
**Applied Mathematics (BS)**  
**Applied Sustainability (BS)**  
**Data Science for Business (BS)**  
**Dialogue & Consensus Building for Sustainability (BS)**  
**Education for Sustainability (BS)**  
**Environmental Communication (BS)**  
**Environmental Policy (BS)**  
**Environmental Studies (BS)**  
**Reinventing Business Through Sustainability (BS)**  
**Broadcast Media Production (BS)**  
**Motion Graphics (BS)**  
**Publishing (BS)**  
**Sonic Arts (BS)**  
**Business Administration (BS)**  
**Activist Marketing (BS)**  
**Business Analytics (BS)**  
**Business for Good (BS)**  
**Business Law (BS)**  

**Computer Science**  
**Cybersecurity**  
**Global Business**  
**Human Resource Management**  
**Information Systems & Technology**  
**Innovation & Entrepreneurship Management**  
**Communication (BS)**  
**Communication Studies (BS)**  
**Event Management (BS)**  
**Journalism (BS)**  
**Media Production (BS)**  
**Media Writing (BS)**  
**Public Relations / Strategic Communication (BS)**  
**Publishing (BS)**  
**Sonic Arts (BS)**  

**Computer Networking & Cybersecurity (BS)**  
**Cybersecurity Operations (BS)**  
**Network & Security Operations (BS)**  
**Systems & IT Infrastructure Operations (BS)**  

**Computer Science & Innovation (BS)**  
**Artificial Intelligence (BS)**  
**Mobile Application Development (BS)**  
**Software Engineering (BS)**  

**Creative Media (BFA)**  
**Creative Writing (BFA)**  
**Game Media (BFA)**  
**Interaction Design (BFA)**  
**Moving Image (Film & Video) (BFA)**  
**Sound Design (BFA)**  

**Computer & Digital Forensics (BS)**  
**Computer Science (BS)**  
**Cyber Investigation (BS)**  
**Cybersecurity: Threats & Mitigation (BS)**  
**Digital Forensic Science (BS)**  

**Criminal Justice (BS)**  
**Data Science (BS)**  

**Degree Design Lab: Integrative Professional Studies (BS)**  

**Finance** (BS)  
**Game Art (BS)**  
**Game Business & Publishing (BS)**  
**Game Design (BS)**  
**Game Production Management (BS)**  

**Education (BS)**  
**Early Childhood (BS)**  
**Elementary (BS)**  
**Middle & Secondary (BS)**  
**Middle Grades English Language Arts (BS)**  
**Middle Grades Mathematics (BS)**  
**Middle Grades Social Studies (BS)**  

**Second Year Level English (BS)**  
**Second Level Mathematics (BS)**  
**Second Level Social Studies (BS)**  

**Special Education (BS)**  
**Filmmaking (BFA)**  
**Cinematography (BFA)**  
**Directing (BFA)**  
**Producing (BFA)**  
**Screenwriting (BFA)**  

**Sonic Arts (BFA)**  
**Visual Design (BS)**  

**Game Programming (BS)**  
**Game Sound Design (BS)**  
**Graphic Design & Visual Communication (BS)**  
**Motion Graphics (BS)**  
**Publishing (BS)**  

**Interactive Design (BS)**  
**Implementation (BS)**  
**Visual Design (BS)**  

**International Business (BS)**  
**Law (BA)**  
**Marketing (BS)**  

**Communication (BS)**  
**Creative Writing (BS)**  
**Literature (BS)**  
**Editing / Publishing (BS)**  
**Journalism (BS)**  
**Screenwriting (BS)**  

**Psychology (BS)**  
**Flex Path (BS)**  
**Health & Well-Being (BS)**  
**Social Change / Social Impact (BS)**  

**Social Work (BSW)**  

**Undeclared (BS)**  
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](http://champlain.edu/undeclared)  

* Double major available  

Dive deeper into majors, minors, and concentrations. [champlain.edu/majors](http://champlain.edu/majors)
Broadcast Media Production Capstone students took a quick international field trip to Montreal to tour EyeSteelFilm, an award-winning documentary production company.

To have that immediate interaction with what you are interested in is really rewarding, and it sets you up to be more successful in the future. If you start sooner, you can end further.

Michael Andrews // Game Art

Start sooner. Go further.

Our Upside-Down Curriculum allows you to dive into your major in your very first semester.

You’ll be qualified for meaningful internships sooner and can gain more insight from those experiences. Our majors offer a far greater depth of study at the undergraduate level than can be found at virtually any other institution.

After four years of deep exploration in your field, you’ll be up to date on current issues, fluent in best practices, and familiar with the impact of your work within the community and the world.
We don’t call it general education, because it’s specific.

The Core curriculum is intentionally focused on building skills such as critical thinking, inquiry, and communication—the skills you’ll rely on throughout your life.

It’s a four-year liberal arts course sequence that prepares you to be a global citizen and entrepreneurial problem solver.

Instead of checking off boxes to meet general education requirements, you’ll collaborate with classmates and professors on fascinating research and projects. There are no exams or long lectures in the Core and nothing to memorize, though your classes will certainly be memorable. You’ll read, research, write, and take action in the community.

The knowledge and abilities you develop over four years in the Core curriculum will prime your mind to handle the inevitable complexities and changes you’ll face as you live a life beyond Champlain College.

“Instead of taking the gen-eds that other schools require, I was able to choose socially conscious topics that really spoke to me for my Core classes.”

Emma Worthge // Creative Media
Since day one, Champlain College has prepared me for the real world outside of the classroom. You learn about personal finances and career readiness right away, which got me thinking about how I will navigate independently after graduation.

Lauren Materia // Communication

DIRECTIONS BY DESIGN:
Career-Focused Majors
Upside-Down Curriculum
Core Curriculum
→ InSight Program

A whole education for your whole life.

No other college provides a program like InSight, but they all should.

How do you create a budget based on your salary and your student loans—and where does your credit score come in? What will help you land a dream job in a competitive market? What’s a reasonable work/life balance, and how do you achieve it?

At Champlain, you’ll learn personal finance, wellness, and career positioning skills that will help you build a healthy and successful future.

You’re more than a student now, and you’ll be more than your career after graduation. We’ll help you prepare for all of it.
Our faculty practice what they teach.

Work side by side with leaders in your field, gaining industry insights 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 16, 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 above and beyond excellent teaching. They’re former and current practitioners in their fields, and they can’t wait for you to join them.
In the Robert P. Stiller School of Business, you’ll build a thorough understanding of business disciplines while focusing on concepts such as social responsibility, innovation, and positive organizational development. Through individualized attention from our expert business faculty, project based learning, and the amazing internships that will soon come your way, your education is perfectly tailored to your goals. By the time you graduate, you’ll be prepared to thrive in tomorrow’s dynamic business environment and inspired to make a lasting impact through your work.
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.

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

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

“At the end of my internship with KPMG, I was offered a full-time job post-graduation! I don’t think I would have had the opportunity to work for a Big Four accounting firm if I hadn’t landed the internship.”

Caitlin Dangvu // Accounting and Finance
Champlain College is a wonderful community of intelligent, energetic, and intellectually curious students, faculty, and staff. It is exciting to teach at such an entrepreneurial and innovative institution.

Dr. King’s research interests include the study of entrepreneurial teams, methods for team selection and performance measurement, and the use of predictive analytics in human resource management. She is passionate about experiential learning, teamwork, design, and innovation.

FACULTY

Dr. Kylie King

PRONOUNS: She/her

CLASSES:
- Business & the Entrepreneurial Mindset
- Capstone I: Design Thinking
- Entrepreneurship: New Venture
- Capstone II
- Business of Entrepreneurship
- Exploring Analytics

FUN FACT:
Enjoys swimming, biking, running, and competing in triathlons.

Business Administration

Customize your business degree for the career—or more likely, careers—you’ll hold over your lifetime.

Champlain’s BSBA offers unique concentrations in the areas most valued by employers and most helpful if you start your own organization. Through any of our concentrations, you’ll gain the perspective and adaptability you’ll need to innovate, drive social change, and thrive in a data-driven economy.

Starting in your first semester, a learn-by-doing approach allows you to explore how businesses function from the inside out. Through real client work in classes, internships (both local and international), and an engaging senior Capstone project, you’ll build an impressive professional background and the confidence to enter your field at full speed.

The combination of intensive business education and extensive hands-on experience will put you in high demand with employers upon graduation.

96% of our 2020 Business Administration graduates were employed or continuing their education just six months after graduation.

CONCENTRATIONS:
- Activist Marketing
- Business Analytics
- Business for Good
- Business Law
- Computer Science
- Cybersecurity
- Global Business
- Human Resource Management
- Information Systems & Technology
- Innovation & Entrepreneurship
- Management
Finance

Manage our investment fund using the same tools and datasets used on Wall Street.

Start learning portfolio management, financial analysis, and how to develop and build financial models effectively. You’ll graduate with comprehensive experience in business, financial tools like Factset, and best practices of the profession. Champlain’s Finance major is the only undergraduate Chartered Financial Analyst® (CFA) University Affiliation Program in Vermont. The CFA designation is the most respected and recognized investment credential in the world and is often called the “gold standard” for the investment management industry.

Our hands-on approach to finance provides opportunities to work on actual cases with real clients, so you can bring your learning to life in a very tangible way. You’ll gain additional practical experience through paid internships, peer-tutoring positions, and competitions that will further develop your financial skill set.

The cornerstone of your Finance degree will be your Capstone experience, during which you will manage a portion of the College’s endowment in an investment fund.

International Business

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.

The program is designed for you to 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.

100% of our 2020 International Business graduates were employed or continuing their education just six months after graduation.

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.
Marketing

Become an agile, data-driven marketing strategist for the post-pandemic economy.

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 to business success and how marketing influences culture, all 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 analytic 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.

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.

“Champlain’s marketing curriculum is not like any other marketing curriculum I’ve ever heard of. I have friends at other schools studying the same thing, and they don’t get nearly as much hands-on experience.”

Amanda Nielsen // Marketing

STUDENT

Amanda Nielsen

PRONOUNS: She/her
HOMETOWN: Essex, VT
MAJOR: Marketing
MINOR: Digital Marketing

INTERNSHIP:
Social Media Marketing Intern at New Breed Marketing

FAVORITE BURLINGTON SPOT:
Church Street Marketplace

FAVORITE CAMPUS SPOT:
The Vista Room on the third floor of the library

EXTRACURRICULARS:
Skiing, hiking, biking, and running

How has the Upside-Down Curriculum enhanced your education? Being able to take classes relevant to my major in my first year set me apart from my peers and helped me land my first internship [at New Breed, a marketing firm] the summer after freshman year. At Champlain, we get to work with real clients in the Burlington area, which is awesome.

How did your internship go? My managers were blown away by how much I already knew coming into my position. I began as a social media marketing intern and at the end of my senior year, I managed New Breed’s strategic partnerships. They offered me a full-time position a full year before I graduated.
More than theory: Real experience starts on day one.

Our classroom instruction is combined with unparalleled field experience; starting in your very first semester, you’ll practice the tools and skills of your field. You’ll stay current with emerging technologies and events while you conduct research and take on extraordinary internships. Your professors have years of industry experience and can’t wait to share their insights with you. With these professional advantages, don’t be surprised if you’re fielding job offers before senior year.
**App Development**

Launch a career in what CNN Money calls the number one job in America.

Connecting with friends, learning a language, navigating to a new location, saving money, telling time—there’s no end to the things you can do with mobile applications. Start learning the foundations of app development in your very first semester by diving right into real projects. According to CNN, this career field is the best in the country for “big growth, great pay, and satisfying work.”

Once you’re comfortable with the languages and processes of programming an application, you’ll be able to work with students in Champlain’s business and design majors to create original apps.

Four years of hands-on practice and collaborative development will make you a top candidate for competitive app development positions. Your outstanding internships and career networking opportunities will put you above and beyond other candidates.

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**Applied Mathematics**

Shape your math education to build the career of your choice.

In our Applied Mathematics program, you’ll take courses that integrate your math skills with various fields of work. You’ll learn advanced math and then how to use it to tackle the problems that people and organizations face in the real world, such as climate change.

The Applied Mathematics curriculum contains three key segments. The Math Foundation includes courses in calculus, linear algebra, discrete mathematics, probability/statistics, and programming. You’ll choose Math Electives to spend more time on the areas of math you find most intriguing. Through your Applied Electives, you’ll put your math skills to use in projects like creating art, developing technology, or researching social wellness issues.

Our Applied Mathematics program uniquely integrates math expertise with professional experience, preparing you for the industry and fields you choose—like aerospace, engineering, or medicine. In addition to knowing the math, you’ll know how to use it on the job.

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“We don’t play in theoretical fantasy land. It is exciting for me as a mathematician to really 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
Computer & Digital Forensics

Champlain College is a premier destination to study digital forensics.

As a Computer & Digital Forensics major, you’ll learn about the digital investigative process and computer networking technology as well as the law, and you’ll be well qualified to work in digital investigations and cybersecurity.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the information security analysts profession is projected to grow 33% from 2020 to 2030, much faster than the average for all occupations, and has a median pay of $103,590 per year. Champlain offers 14 industry-specific courses in digital forensics.

Students can customize their Computer & Digital Forensics degree with a specialization in Computer Science, Cyber Investigation, Cybersecurity: Threats & Mitigation, or a Digital Forensic Science 4+1 master’s program.

After thorough instruction and classroom projects, you’ll gain outstanding experience participating in relevant internships with governmental agencies, tech businesses, and security firms.

You’ll have the opportunity to take a paid position in our Senator Patrick Leahy Center for Digital Forensics & Cybersecurity—a fully equipped, state-of-the-art digital investigation lab—where you’ll engage in leading-edge research and work with professional digital forensics investigators on real cases.

By taking graduate courses as a concentration (4+1), you can complete both your undergraduate and graduate degrees in just five years.

100% of our 2020 Computer & Digital Forensics graduates were employed or continuing their education just six months after graduation.

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

CONCENTRATIONS:
Computer Science
Cyber Investigation
Cybersecurity: Threats & Mitigation
4+1 Digital Forensic Science (BS/MS)

Champlain College has been designated a National Center of Digital Forensics Academic Excellence by the U.S. Department of Defense Cyber Crime Center (DC3).
Computer Networking & Cybersecurity

Learn cybersecurity from some of the best faculty in the world.

Champlain College has been designated a National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance by the National Security Agency (NSA). The course content and curriculum meet the criteria established by the NSA and the Department of Homeland Security—rest assured, you’re going to learn everything you need to know about cybersecurity.

From day one, you’ll start to learn the full range of how to design, build, and secure enterprise network and computing environments. As you come to understand how cyberattacks are staged against network infrastructure, you’ll learn how to handle and reduce their effects and how to use security measures to prevent and defend against future attacks.

You’ll have numerous opportunities for relevant internships, including paid positions in the Senator Patrick Leahy Center for Digital Forensics & Cybersecurity. This work—involving real data and cases for various organizations and government agencies—offers unparalleled practical experience.

In the 2021 SC Awards, Champlain College was named the Best Higher Ed Cybersecurity program by industry professionals.

Have you participated in any internships? I’ve had three internships, including one with the FBI. I got to work with the Technical Operations Unit on their Cyber Action Team, which is the FBI’s premier incident response group. I couldn’t have done it without Champlain.

What was the FBI internship like? I was doing a lot of cool technical stuff, and I’m not 100% sure what I can and cannot say, so let’s just keep it at that. Being on the team that I was on required a decent amount of clearance.

STUDENT
James Kainth

PRONOUNS: He/him
HOMETOWN: Milford, CT
MAJOR: Computer Networking & Cybersecurity
MINOR: Digital Forensics
FAVORITE INTERNSHIP: The Federal Bureau of Investigation
CAREER TIP: Use your LinkedIn profile!
FAVORITE CORE CLASS: Modern Irish Social History
FAVORITE CAMPUS SPOT: Top floor of the library
96% of our 2020 Computer Science & Innovation graduates were employed or continuing their education just six months after graduation—and of those employed, 96% were in career-relevant positions.

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

Computer Science & Innovation

Start practicing with the tools of technological creativity.

Learn important computer science theory and immediately put it to use on projects. In your first year, you’ll start programming software and thinking about the future of our current technologies—this unique major covers the latest technological advances through a series of four Innovation courses that explore open-source development. You’ll work with a variety of operating system environments and dive into advanced topics, such as emerging languages and artificial intelligence.

After four years of hands-on learning, your academic experience will culminate with a Capstone project that showcases the skills you’ve gained. Students’ Capstone projects have recently included a black hole simulator, a digital motorcycle visor, and an app that uses machine learning to detect crowd approval.

With their innovative mindsets and deep experience in computer science and engineering, our students become sought after professionals throughout the country and the world.

“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 // Computer Science & Innovation
FACULTY

Narine Hall

PRONOUNS: She/her

CLASSES:
- Advanced Data Analytics
- Data Mining
- Machine Learning

FUN FACT:
Narine Hall created InSpace, a groundbreaking virtual learning platform that transforms education and replaces Zoom during the pandemic for many educational institutions.

As data scientists, some of our best outcomes occur when we make new technology and innovation accessible to different fields.

Narine Hall has devoted her career to making data science more accessible and diverse. She believes students do not have to be in math, science, or computer programming in order to understand the basic principles of machine learning. We already see examples of machine learning in daily life whenever Amazon, Google, or Netflix provides a personalized recommendation. She says students who understand even the basics of machine learning will have a career advantage since it has so many applications across industries and implications for society and our future.

Data Science

Collecting it, using it, protecting it—data is the center of our new economy.

Dive right into a practice-based data science curriculum. Through four years of hands-on projects and collaborative work, you’ll graduate as an expert in data science, analysis, and visualization.

Along with your data analysis and statistics work, you’ll gain programming and communication skills that are critical to success in most data science roles. Through our distinctive series of courses, you’ll work on projects with industry partners and gain the real-world experience you need to participate in a data science internship after your first year.

Whether you’d like to work on algorithms for Netflix or contribute to world health projects, Champlain’s Data Science program will prepare you to be a standout candidate for data positions across a variety of industries.

champlain.edu/data-science

100% of our 2020 Data Science graduates were employed or continuing their education just six months after graduation—and of those employed, 100% were in career-relevant positions.

FEATURED COURSES:
- Year 1
  - Python Programming
  - Applied Statistics
- Year 2
  - Data Structures with Python
  - Digital Marketing Analytics
- Year 3
  - Data Mining
  - Global IT & Ethics
- Year 4
  - Forecasting & Predictive Analysis
  - Machine Learning

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CREATIVE STUDIO MAJORS

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.
Dr. Van Dora Williams

PRONOUNS: She/her

CLASSES:
- Broadcast Writing
- Production of Social Media
- Show Producing I & II
- Video Field Production

FUN FACT:
- Worked in journalism for over 25 years and has worked as a senior producer and reporter at PBS.

It is always an honor for me to work with such talented young people, on a beautiful campus in a gorgeous state.

Dr. Williams is an Emmy Award-winning producer and writer with experience in the full range of media platforms. She worked in journalism for over 25 years and has worked as a senior producer and reporter at PBS. With a penchant for creating historical documentaries, some of her favorite projects are films she worked on with PBS, including Banished, Citizen King, and Matters of Race.

Broadcast Media Production

Start using the tools and best practices of nonfiction storytelling.

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.

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.

Learn what it takes to produce documentaries, news, and live-action shows for today’s most popular media platforms while you develop the adaptability to stay ahead of the curve as audiences trend toward new technologies.

“I am a fill-in reporter and an associate producer for the same local television station that I interned with. Every once in a while, they’ll call me up and ask, ‘Hey, can you fill in on this day? We have a reporter out’ and I’ll go in and do what they do.”

Olivia Lyons // Broadcast Media Production

Our students regularly win regional Emmy Awards for their productions.

Forget Me Not Vermont, a documentary film by three Class of 2020 Broadcast Media Production students, claimed First Prize in the College/Adult Arts, Culture, History & Contemporary Issues category in the Freedom & Unity Filmmaker Contest.
Communication

Develop expertise in content creation, technology, interpersonal relationships, organizational leadership, and social media.

Highly skilled and well-rounded communication professionals are more sought after than ever, and 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 of skills in writing, presenting, content creation, and relationship-building, you’ll select a concentration that will become an integral part of your studies. Your concentration allows you to focus on the aspects of communication that interest you most, 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 work 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.

STUDENT
Duncan Persons

PRONOUNS: He/him
HOMETOWN: Queensbury, NY
MAJOR: Communication
NUMBER OF INTERNSHIPS: 6
BEST FACULTY ADVISOR EVER?
Nancy Kerr

What do you like most about your Communication major? Communication has been great because you can explore so many different classes—from PR to Video Storytelling to Graphic Design. I have those skill sets, so if it’s needed at my job, I can say, “I can totally help you with that.”

How have you changed at Champlain? Champlain has done an amazing job at pushing me to go outside of my comfort zone, to go out and grab opportunities when they present themselves. This school has a really great hands-on approach to making students understand that it’s OK to try and to fail, just make sure you learn.
Creative Media

Dive into an advanced art curriculum with a professional focus.

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 yourself to viably apply your talents and skills to the marketplace.

“Champlain has really helped me build my portfolio and a greater understanding of my brand as an artist and creator. Especially as I move further into the freelance market, building a brand is so important to discoverability and what people reach out to you for.”

Miranda Rodriguez // Creative Media

Immerse yourself in the art and science of film.

With the guidance of award-winning filmmakers, you’ll gain hands-on experience in different production roles, from director and cinematographer to sound designer and editor. Once you’ve explored the variety of roles available in film production, you’ll choose a concentration and focus on the aspects that interest you most.

You’ll develop your personal voice in the production of narrative, experimental, and documentary film as well as corporate and other marketing work. You’ll have opportunities to share your films through numerous contests, film festivals, regional television segments, and more.

While you build a thorough knowledge base in film history, aesthetics, criticism, and the newest technologies, you’ll also learn the business aspects of filmmaking. Our Filmmaking major’s remarkable combination of conceptual engagement, technical skills, artistic experimentation, and business training will help you polish your signature style and prepare you for a variety of creative opportunities in the industry.

Our students regularly win regional Emmy Awards for their productions.

Dear Dublin, a film by Evelyn Gustafson ’21, recently won awards for Best Original Story, Best First Time Director, and Best Young Actress at the New York Film Awards.
Graphic Design & Visual Communication

Develop your design talents while you build a résumé tailored to a rewarding career.

Fully accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD), Champlain’s Graphic Design & Visual Communication program will give you deep experience in the concepts and skills you need to become a creative problem solver and accomplished designer.

Bridging traditional art principles and innovative technologies, this program will have you exploring a wide spectrum of projects and design solutions. 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.

“All the design professors I’ve had are amazing! They love talking after class, they’ll help you make connections, and they’ll give you valuable critique to make you better at what you do.”

Gabriel Fajobi // Graphic Design & Visual Communication

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:

Motion Graphics
Publishing

Niche.com ranks Champlain as one of the Top 150 Best Schools for Design

RECENT INTERNSHIPS:

Burlington City Arts, Burton Snowboards, Clutch Creative, Driven Studio, Four Nine Design

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Interaction Design

CNN Money lists User Interface Designer in the Top 100 Best Jobs in America, with a projected 27% job growth rate through 2027.

Gain four years of rich experience in the growing field of interaction design. 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 App Development and Graphic Design & Visual Communication, to complete projects that put your skills to use. Through plentiful internship opportunities, you can dive into the detail and nuance of real interaction design work.

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.

Marketing Communication

Graduate 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.

By learning the foundations of communication and marketing in your first year and learning 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.
Professional Writing

Find your voice—and learn how to amplify it.

Changes in digital communication, social media, and print technology are dramatically transforming the way we consume content—and creating demands for specific forms of writing.

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. Practice marketing, public relations, graphic design, and content creation for emerging media.

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. You’ll gain hands-on experience in various fields through project-based courses, internships, and the Champlain College Center for Publishing.

Students in this major will choose a concentration to hone their craft; you’ll graduate with a portfolio of work you’re proud to share.

“Learning and mastering the craft of writing is one important takeaway, but knowing what to do with it is another aspect that I feel is often overlooked by most institutions.”

Riley Earle // Professional Writing
Beat the boss.

Our Game Studio replicates the experience you’ll encounter when you enter the workforce working side by side with peers from other disciplines to create playable games. Along with excelling in your field, you learn the languages of game creation across departments: How do artists, designers, programmers, and managers communicate most effectively? Through your résumé, portfolio, and confidence when interviewing, you’ll be able to demonstrate to employers that you’ve already been doing the work they’re hiring for.
Game Art

See your art come to life.

Perfect for artists seeking a rewarding career, our rigorous Game Art curriculum builds digital and technological skills on a solid foundation of art principles.

Through the Game Studio 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 Game Studio Senior Show.

“Working with so many talented artists in my grade made me more of a collaborator. I also got to talk to a lot of people who have been in the game industry for decades, and I have gained very useful knowledge about it—and have more realistic expectations.”

Olga Kachura // Game Art
Game Business & Publishing

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

Instead of applying broad business experience to a specific industry after you graduate, this program 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 going on to promote games, gather research, and bring 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 résumé-building 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 innumerable career options and specialized fields within the game industry and start mapping your way into your dream job.
STUDENT

Evan Barker

PRONOUNS: He/him
HOMETOWN: Simsbury, CT
MAJOR: Game Design

INTERNSHIPS:
- Systems & Level Design Intern at Power Level Studios
- Game Design Intern at High Moon Studios

BEST THING ABOUT CAMPUS LIFE:
Lots of fun events

FIRST VIDEO GAME:
Plug & Play Ms. Pac-Man

What do you like about going to college in Burlington? Burlington is the perfect college town. Mountain trails, cliff jumping, city-wide events, and enjoying a day at the waterfront are just the tip of the iceberg.

How has your Champlain experience prepared you for your future career?
The game program here at Champlain does a great job of teaching you industry standard programs and documentation so you can hit the ground running after college. The group-based nature of the Game Studio classes teaches you how to communicate in a team setting. There are also great opportunities, like SCRUM certification programs, that allow you to build your skill set and résumé.

Game Design

Become the architect of your new favorite games.

From logic to levels to storylines, learn how to design engaging gameplay. You’ll explore the different types of game design and build extensive skills in your areas of interest.

Practice building the foundational logic and mechanics of game operations. Determine the parameters of play on each level of the game world and design the step-by-step player experience. Map the overall story experience through traditional narrative, dialogue, characters, and environment. A Sonic Arts concentration is available for students interested in the auditory aspects of games.

On day one, you’ll jump into a hands-on curriculum that allows you to build an impressive portfolio of collaborative work over four years. The immersive experience of our unique Game Studio environment prepares you to enter directly into the industry upon graduation.

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
Game Production Management

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

Working in our Game Studio, 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 liaising between your department and company executives.

In addition to refining your leadership and project management skills, you’ll gain firsthand experience in game-specific ways to support your team, from playtesting beta versions to interpreting player feedback. Through game industry internships, you’ll become accustomed to the responsibility of your role and the ever-changing nature of its day-to-day work.

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

Game Programming

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 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 communicating with colleagues in other game disciplines. Your work in the Game Studio will give you a significant advantage over the 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.

“My favorite class is probably Game Studio I. I learned what it’s really like to be in a game studio—and knew that it was what I wanted to do. The way the class mimics a professional game studio gave me such valuable experience and insight to how the industry works.”

Olli Machina // Game Programming
Game Sound Design

Build tension, amplify 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 well-connected Career Coach will help you find internships that put your sound design 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 music studio. It has complete sonic isolation, a wide variety of available instruments, and an SSL XL desk—a world-class mixing console.

FACULTY

Kel Bachus

PRONOUNS: They/he

CLASSES:
Interactive Narrative I
Interactive Narrative II
Principles of Game Design
Advanced Seminar in Game Design

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

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.
Build a career with a positive impact.

Through extensive opportunities in schools, community organizations, 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 a strong role model in your community and in the world long before you graduate.
Applied Sustainability

Saving the world is a full-time job.

Our natural environments, social systems, and governments are intricately 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.

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.

Criminal Justice

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.

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

“The small classes are extremely beneficial because we can go through real-world experiences and ask any questions we have. We are also encouraged to go into the field early and often. My third year, I took a job in the Emergency Department at the University of Vermont Medical Center doing crisis work, and I already felt prepared at that point.”

Liza Ryan // Criminal Justice and Social Work
**Education**

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. In no other teacher education major will you find this level of classroom involvement and practical experience.

You’ll dive deeply into curriculum design and develop an understanding of learner differences and culturally responsive instructional practices. You’ll be able to take advantage of service learning opportunities both locally and internationally.

With support from expert faculty, you’ll build confidence and experience by incrementally working up to your final senior semester of full-time classroom teaching.

Depending on your preferred grade levels and subject areas, 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.

Upon 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 // Education

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**Law**

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 not usually encountered in undergraduate pre-law or legal studies programs.

One of just a few Bachelor of Arts degrees in Law 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 Law graduates who meet certain eligibility criteria may be admitted to New York Law School with a merit scholarship.

“After the courses at Champlain, law school becomes sort of ‘Law School 2.0’ by the time you get there.”

Kathryn Young // Law

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**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
CONCENTRATIONS:
Flex Path—create your own
Health & Well-Being
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

Psychology
World-class neuroscience lab.
Personalized attention.

You can learn psychology almost anywhere. At Champlain, you also learn how to turn it into a career. In the Champlain College Neuroscience Lab, you’ll be able to conduct research 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).

While you’re taking psychology courses in your first year, you’ll work with upper-level Psychology students in a peer-mentoring system 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.

champlain.edu/psychology

FACULTY
Dr. Kimberly Quinn
PRONOUNS: She/her

CLASSES:
Psychology
Mindcraft
Introduction to Psychology

FUN FACT:
Enjoys downhill skiing, parasailing, and white-water rafting.

Along with her role as a professor, Dr. Quinn serves as Champlain College’s Well-Being and Success Coach. She hosts webinars on Trauma & Resilience and a weekly Mindcraft podcast series aimed at striving for optimal well-being and life satisfaction. Dr. Quinn has been a featured speaker for TEDx and other events on topics such as social media and well-being, and embracing neurodiversity.
How has Champlain started to prepare you for your future?

It’s really the Upside-Down Curriculum. Champlain got me into my major and my profession on that first day. I was working with kids and the people I want to be working with from the start.

Champlain literally puts you in the real world on your first day. You’re coding for projects that people on Church Street need to get done. You’re doing photography for local businesses. You’re actively becoming a member of this society, rather than learning what it looks like to become a member of this society.

STUDENT:
Riaz Clark

PRONOUNS: They/them
HOMETOWN: Ann Arbor, MI
MAJOR: Social Work
CURRENT JOB: Family Programming Assistant at the YMCA in Burlington, VT
LEADERSHIP ROLE: Co-leader of Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society
OTHER CLUBS, JOBS, AND ACTIVITIES: Diversity Ambassador, Resident Assistant, Director of Operations, Student Government Association

Social Work

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 social work instruction and extensive field experiences, you’ll be prepared for a career rich in the satisfaction that comes from providing resources, help, and hope to those who need it most. Beginning in your first year, you’ll be ready for internship opportunities that allow you to connect with the community in meaningful ways.

In your senior year, you will participate in a yearlong internship that provides you with more than 400 hours of direct experience. You’ll work under the supervision and mentorship of highly trained field instructors in community settings. This intense immersion helps you develop your professional identity and hone your social work skills.

Our Social Work program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Through this CSWE accreditation, Champlain graduates may apply to be considered for admission to a Master of Social Work program and earn a master’s degree in one year instead of two.

“During the second semester of my first year, I was able to start volunteering at the YMCA, and now I have a job there. At a traditional school, with a traditional curriculum, I wouldn’t be doing that until my junior year.”

Riaz Clark // Social Work
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

Degree Design Lab: Integrative Professional Studies

Combine your interests to create a custom Integrative Professional Studies major.

With the expert guidance of your Faculty Advisor, you can synthesize two or three areas of study into a personalized Bachelor of Science program.

Based on your interests, you’ll be immersed in a variety of professional fields starting in your first semester. You’ll be encouraged to study abroad and engage with a range of communities and populations. Throughout each year, you’ll design projects that answer some questions and raise even more.

After bridging your chosen research areas in the Lab, you’ll be well practiced at making connections and finding new relationships—keys to innovative thinking.

champlain.edu/ddl

Undecided

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, which will allow you to take courses in a major of interest in your first semester, has helped many students who entered Champlain without declaring a major quickly identify fields that 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: our student-to-faculty ratio of 12:1 and average class size of 16. In this attentive environment, our faculty members will be able to get to know you on a personal level, so they can give you guidance that ensures you end up in a major (and a profession!) that aligns with your passions and strengths.

champlain.edu/undeclared

“An advantage to being undeclared is we start advising you immediately. If you apply without declaring a major, I start working with you in June to build a schedule to allow you to learn what you want to learn and figure out what major is the best fit for you.”

Dr. Eric Ronis // Assistant Dean for Academics, Division of Communication and Creative Media
Learn by doing.

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 be practicing everything you learn.

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, the Office of U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy, NASA, and Ubisoft—come looking for Champlain students specifically, and often turn to our graduates to fill full-time positions.

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

SEE THE WORLD. CHANGE 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.

champlain.edu/study-abroad

CHAMPLAIN’S CENTERS OF EXPERIENCE

Center for Community & Social Justice
The mission of the Center is to promote whole community health and safety through new models of community engagement, social safety networks, and policing. The Center serves as a think tank and incubator for longer-term societal solutions that promote equal justice for all. champlain.edu/ccsj

Center for Financial Literacy (CFL)
The CFL promotes financial literacy skills, allowing people to make more sound decisions about spending, credit, debt, investments, and complex financial situations, such as buying a home and saving for retirement. The CFL is nationally acclaimed and has become a go-to source for national media coverage of financial literacy. champlain.edu/cfl

Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship
A leader in entrepreneurship research, the CIE promotes entrepreneurial and innovator mindsets. This Center offers a unique opportunity for student entrepreneurs to get help launching a new business or developing their existing enterprise. champlain.edu/cie

Center for Mediation & Dialogue
From helping families navigate divorce to settling border disputes between countries, this Center provides mediation and facilitation services for the Greater Burlington community, the state of Vermont, and beyond. champlain.edu/mediation
Students from all majors have access to classes and events held at Generator, a makerspace and incubator for product and business development.

CHAMPLAIN’S CENTERS OF EXPERIENCE

Center for Publishing (CFP) A hub for student-led publications, the CFP is a valuable outlet for creative students. Dig into print and digital publishing by trying on a wide variety of roles, such as writer, editor, designer, content contributor, coordinator, or marketer.
champlain.edu/publishing

Center for Service & Sustainability The Center for Service & Sustainability provides students with leadership opportunities, international service trips, and resources for sustainable living practices. This Center also guides faculty through professional development workshops, coaching, and resources, so they can include service learning in their courses.
champlain.edu/service

David L. Cooperrider Center for Appreciative Inquiry The Cooperrider Center is the only academic-based center in the world that focuses directly on Appreciative Inquiry (AI) and its implications for Positive Organizational Development and management. These methods, steeped in positive psychology, are used by organizations like Keurig Dr Pepper, the United Nations, and the Red Cross. The Center offers a full range of educational programs, research, AI certification, and consulting services.
champlain.edu/appreciativeinquiry

Emergent Media Center (EMC) The EMC is a creative studio that specializes in experiential education, design thinking, and interactive media. It delivers innovative solutions for partner organizations like IBM, Ubisoft, Google Earth, and the UVM Medical Center.
champlain.edu/emc

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, you’ll have access to 3-D printers, an electronics lab, a metalwork studio, woodshop space, and so much more.
champlain.edu/makerlab

Senator Patrick Leahy Center for Digital Forensics & Cybersecurity The Leahy Center is a local, state, and national resource for digital investigation. Students work with faculty to provide digital forensics and cybersecurity services to a wide variety of organizations, from the Department of Defense to local nonprofits.
champlain.edu/leahycenter
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.

ACTIVITIES & CLUBS: From Ski & Ride to Esports, Equestrian Club to Boxing, Champlain has over 60 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.
Visit

We invite you to campus for in-person visits. Exploring our campus and hometown, you’ll be able to see why so many students fall in love with the community and the views.

We’re also pleased to offer a variety of engaging virtual events, such as open houses, virtual tours, and more.

We look forward to sharing everything that makes Champlain’s academic experience unique.

champlain.edu/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 // Creative Media

Apply

COUNT-ON-IT FINANCIAL AID GUARANTEE

We believe when families are evaluating the financial implications of their student’s college choice, they should know exactly what they can count on receiving from the school—not just for that important decision-making process in the first year, but for the entire length of a student’s full-time enrollment.

When you receive your Financial Aid Offer letter as an admitted student, you can count on your scholarships from Champlain being consistent from year to year as long as you are enrolled full time—guaranteed.

HOW TO APPLY

You may apply for admission as a first-year or transfer applicant by completing either the Common Application or Champlain’s Application. There is no cost to apply to Champlain and submitting standardized test scores is optional.

DEADLINES

Early Decision: November 15
Regular Decision: January 15
Transfer Students: Priority Deadline June 15
Spring Enrollment: Priority Deadline October 1

THESE MAJORS REQUIRE A PORTFOLIO:

Creative Media
Filmmaking
Game Art
Game Design
Graphic Design & Visual Communication

champlain.edu/apply

More than 95% of students receive scholarship funds—which do not have to be repaid—to help pay their educational costs.