What is a liberal arts education?

The goal of Eastern’s liberal arts education is to help prepare you for a life of inquiry, discovery and responsible citizenship. Our liberal arts core curriculum uses innovative and interdisciplinary courses to expose you to a broad range of academic disciplines while developing valuable skills in critical thinking, communication, collaboration and independent research. The skills and knowledge gained will provide you with a foundation for pursuing the in-depth study required by your academic major, and for a lifetime of learning.

The list of doctors, attorneys, architects, educators, engineers, economists, musicians and other professionals who have received a liberal arts education is long for good reason. The liberal arts are perhaps the best foundation for a career because they prepare students to be successful no matter what their major. The ability to develop new ideas and evaluate them; to learn how to work independently and in teams; to understand history and culture; and to know how to find and use information are just some of the skills that liberal arts students learn in preparation for professional careers. At Eastern, students apply these skills in a variety of real-life settings — internships, undergraduate research, service learning projects and others — to gain a competitive edge in the global job market.

Fast facts

- 99.5 percent of classes have fewer than 40 students
- 97 percent of professors hold terminal degrees
- 93 percent of freshmen live on campus; nearly two-thirds of all students live on campus
- 91 percent of Eastern graduates are employed or in graduate school within six months of graduation
- Degree Programs: Bachelor of Arts; Bachelor of Science; Bachelor of General Studies; Associate of Science; Master of Science
- Undergraduate majors: 34
- Undergraduate minors: 54
- National Accreditation for Teacher Certification Programs: Early Childhood; Elementary; Physical Education; Secondary
- Graduate Programs: Education; Educational Technology; Organizational Management
- Alumni: More than 27,000

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Our history

Eastern was founded in 1889, when the Connecticut General Assembly established the Willimantic State Normal School. The two-year teacher-training program grew quickly, and by 1937 had become Willimantic State Teachers College, offering a four-year curriculum and granting B.A. degrees. Today Eastern Connecticut State University is a coeducational, residential university that stretches across 182 acres. In 1998, Eastern was designated as Connecticut’s only public liberal arts university.

Enrollment facts

- Middle 50 percent SAT combined Critical Reading and Math: 930-1110
- Middle 50 percent ACT Composite: 19-24
- Minimum acceptable TOEFL (79) and IELTS (6) scores
- Average GPA of incoming freshmen: 3.0
- Students from 165 of Connecticut’s 169 towns
- Students from 27 states, including Alaska, California, Florida, Hawaii, Texas and all six New England states
- International students from 23 countries, including Malaysia, Norway, Saudi Arabia, Senegal and Turkey
- Total enrollment (fall 2012): 4,506 full-time undergraduates and 5,237 total students
- 47 percent men, 53 percent women
- More than 74 percent of students receive financial aid
- 20 percent of all undergraduates are students of color

Accolades

- Ranked as one of the best colleges in the Northeast by The Princeton Review
- Included on President Obama’s 2012 Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with distinction
- “One of New England’s Most Active Honors Programs” (Peterson’s Guide)
- Named a “Green College” by The Princeton Review
- Listed in “Colleges of Distinction” guide
- Member, Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges

Cost of attendance

Tuition, Fees, Housing and Meals (2012-13)

Connecticut Residents ........................................ $19,715
Out-of-State/International Students ................. $30,747
New England Regional* .................................. $21,857

*The New England Regional Student Program is available to New England residents for a select group of majors. Learn more at www.nebhe.org or visit www.easternct.edu/admissions/nersp.html.

Athletics

- National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III
- Little East Conference (LEC)
- 17 varsity teams:
  - Baseball
  - Softball
  - M/W Basketball
  - M/W Lacrosse
  - M/W Soccer
  - Swimming
  - Volleyball
  - Field Hockey
  - M/W Cross Country
  - M/W Track & Field (indoor and outdoor)
- Overall average GPA for 324 student-athletes in 2011-12 was 2.94
- Eastern athletes have won nine national championships: four in baseball and five in softball

Location

Willimantic, Connecticut.
30 minutes from Hartford,
45 minutes from Providence,
and midway between Boston and New York

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