

ALBION COLLEGE

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CAMPUS LIFE	
Quality of Life Rating	68
Fire Safety Rating	72
Green Rating	87
Type of school	private
Affiliation	Methodist
Environment	village

STUDENTS	
Total undergrad enrollment	1,495
% male/female	51/49
% from out of state	8
% frosh live on campus	90
# of fraternities	6
# of sororities	6
% African American	4
% Asian	2
% Caucasian	82
% Hispanic	3
% international	4
# of countries represented	23

SURVEY SAYS . . .	
<i>No one cheats</i>	
<i>Lab facilities are great</i>	
<i>Great computer facilities</i>	
<i>Students are friendly</i>	
<i>Low cost of living</i>	
<i>Frats and sororities dominate social scene</i>	
<i>Lots of beer drinking</i>	

ACADEMICS	
Academic Rating	80
% students returning for sophomore year	84
% students graduating within 4 years	65
Calendar	semester
Student/faculty ratio	13:1
Profs interesting rating	86
Profs accessible rating	94
Most classes have	10–19 students
Most lab/discussion sessions have	10–19 students

MOST POPULAR MAJORS
biology/biological sciences; economics; psychology

APPLICANTS ALSO LOOK AT AND OFTEN PREFER
University of Michigan—Ann Arbor, Michigan State University, Grand Valley State University

AND SOMETIMES PREFER
Adrian College

AND RARELY PREFER
Calvin College

STUDENTS SAY “. . .”

Academics

Armed with a “great reputation” and a “small-town feeling,” Albion College provides undergraduates with a “rigorous but rewarding” academic experience replete with “huge opportunities.” Students here truly appreciate that Albion works diligently to foster an environment that “encourages questions [and] thinking” all the while aiming to “provide personal attention to each student.” While the college certainly offers a “great liberal arts education,” undergrads are especially quick to highlight the strong science, premed, and business programs. Indeed, students like to boast that Albion “has a very high rate of students being accepted into medical school.” And business majors point to the Gerstacker Institute for Business and Management, which allows students to “gain real-world experience” and even the potential to walk away with “a job offer.” Of course, regardless of discipline or department, Albion undergrads are full of praise for their teachers. As one thrilled student eagerly shares, “The professors care about their students’ success and are always there to help.” Importantly, they are “very knowledgeable in their material and try to make sure you learn as much as possible.” Further, they are “easily approachable,” “extremely passionate about their work,” and always “available for discussions.” As one content undergrad sums up, “I would say that the overall experience has been great, and I couldn’t be more pleased with my decision to attend Albion College.”

Life

While Albion students are often quite “studious” during the week, once the weekend rolls around they certainly know how to get “crazy [and] exciting.” Fortunately, there “is almost always something going on on campus.” Indeed, the “Union Board plans lots of free activities, concerts, comedians, etc.” Moreover, those interested in the party scene will be delighted to discover that fraternities and sororities are very popular at Albion. As one thrilled undergrad notes, “Greek life is fantastic. It really is the cornerstone of our campus. Every weekend there is a party or something going on at the fraternities. Whether you are into drinking or not, the guys there know how to have a good time.” While students bemoan the fact that “there’s not much to do in the city of Albion,” they do take solace in finding other off campus options. As another satisfied student reveals, “Bigger cities like Jackson and Battle Creek are only a fifteen- or twenty-minute drive away, so if you’re looking for a day at a mall, that’s always an option. Plus, the college sponsors sending buses and vans to take students to places like Ann Arbor or Lansing. Generally you can find something to do.”

Student Body

At first glance, Albion College appears to be “a microcosm of upper-class metro-Detroit and Chicago.” Therefore, it’s not surprising that a “slightly right-leaning, white, and Greek-loving [student body seems to be] the norm.” However, those seeking more diversity should fear not! One student assures us, “I have met anarchists and proud communists. There is a mix, but you have to dig for it.” Beyond race and political affiliation, undergrads here find their peers to be “serious about school but also very fun and friendly.” Moreover, they are “bright individuals that want to succeed” and certainly people who “value their education.” They also seem to have “a million interests,” which they vigorously pursue through a number of extracurricular activities and programs. As one socially satisfied undergrad sums up, “I think there is a club or niche here where everyone can find a group of people they fit in with. I truthfully would feel comfortable sitting down at a table with anyone of my classmates in the cafeteria and having lunch with them.”

THE PRINCETON REVIEW SAYS

Admissions

Very important factors considered include: Application questions, academic GPA, recommendation(s), rigor of secondary school record, standardized test scores, alumni/ae relation, character/personal qualities, extracurricular activities, first generation, geographical residence, level of applicant's interest, state residency, talent/ability, volunteer work, work experience. SAT or ACT required; ACT with or without writing component accepted. TOEFL required of all international applicants. High school diploma is required and GED is accepted. *Academic units required:* 4 English, 3 mathematics, 3 science (2 science labs), 2 foreign language, 3 social studies, 1 history. *Academic units recommended:* 4 mathematics, 4 science, 3 foreign language, 4 social studies.

Financial Aid

Students should submit: FAFSA. Regular filing deadline is March 1. The Princeton Review suggests that all financial aid forms be submitted as soon as possible after January 1. *Need-based scholarships/grants offered:* Federal Pell, SEOG, state scholarships/grants, private scholarships, the school's own gift aid. *Loan aid offered:* Direct Subsidized Stafford, Direct Unsubsidized Stafford, Direct PLUS, Federal Perkins. Applicants will be notified of awards on a rolling basis beginning March 15. Federal Work-Study Program available. Institutional employment available. Highest amount earned per year from on-campus jobs \$5,330. Off-campus job opportunities are fair.

The Inside Word

Albion's growing reputation means that earning a coveted acceptance letter is no easy feat. Academic success takes precedence, and applicants should have taken a challenging high school curriculum including a handful of honors and advanced placement courses. Of course, admissions officers are also concerned about maintaining a vibrant community, so careful attention will also be paid to essays and extracurricular activities.

THE SCHOOL SAYS "..."

From the Admissions Office

"An Albion education will take you beyond the classroom, beyond our campus, and beyond conventional thinking. It will challenge your mind and open your heart. It will help you discover what you're meant to do with your life. And it will prepare you to live it well. Through the Albion Advantage, you'll get the practical knowledge and the purposeful direction that will fully equip you to succeed. You'll identify your goals through a four-year individualized career plan and build a strong foundation in the liberal arts. You can sharpen your career focus and develop your professional skills through the internships and other real-world experiences offered in these specialized programs: Carl A. Gerstacker Institute for Business and Management, the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Leadership in Public Policy and Service, the Institute for Premedical Professions and Health Sciences, the Center for Sustainability and the Environment, and the Fritz Shurmur Center for Teacher Development. And you can unleash your creativity and curiosity through the multitude of research experiences available in our Foundation for Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity and Prentiss M. Brown Honors Program.

"Albion students are prepared to make an impact. They go on to the nation's top graduate and professional schools and to leadership roles in the sciences and medicine, business, law, education, the arts, and social services.

"On our residential campus, more than 100 campus organizations cater to a wide range of student interests. Our athletic teams regularly head to NCAA Division III postseason play, and our equestrian team members compete regionally and nationally. Check us out online at www.albion.edu, or visit us in person to learn more about what Albion has to offer."

SELECTIVITY

Admissions Rating	74
# of applicants	1,637
% of applicants accepted	92
% of acceptees attending	24

FRESHMAN PROFILE

Range SAT Critical Reading	520-630
Range SAT Math	570-670
Range SAT Writing	510-600
Range ACT Composite	22-28
Minimum paper TOEFL	550
Minimum web-based TOEFL	79
Average HS GPA	3.4
% graduated top 10% of class	16
% graduated top 25% of class	44
% graduated top 50% of class	75

DEADLINES

Early action	
Deadline	12/1
Notification	10/1
Regular	
Priority	12/1
Deadline	8/1
Nonfall registration?	yes

FINANCIAL FACTS

Financial Aid Rating	83
Annual tuition	\$32,100
Room and board	\$9,260
Required fees	\$562
Books and supplies	\$900
% needy frosh rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid	100
% needy UG rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid	100
% needy frosh rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid	85
% needy UG rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid	90
% needy frosh rec. need-based self-help aid	82
% needy UG rec. need-based self-help aid	85
% frosh rec. any financial aid	98
% UG rec. any financial aid	99
% UG borrow to pay for school	60
Average cumulative indebtedness	\$33,319
% frosh need fully met	19
% ugrads need fully met	20
Average % of frosh need met	88
Average % of ugrad need met	83