SET OUT INTO THE DEEP

Magdalen College of the Liberal Arts
Two thousand years ago, Saint Peter cast an empty net into the Sea of Galilee and hauled in a catch beyond his wildest imagination.

That iconic moment, at the very birth of the Catholic faith, embodies the call of every Christian to follow: *Duc in Altum*. Set out into the deep.

**This call has never been more relevant than today.**

Just as Peter dropped his net into the Sea of Galilee, we need fishermen to drop their nets into the deep waters of our time. We need young people who have shaped their character for this very purpose, who have gone through the rigorous intellectual, spiritual, and creative formation necessary to solve our present crisis.

At **Magdalen College of the Liberal Arts**, we sound the call of *Duc in Altum* from the top of Mt. Kearsarge in beautiful New Hampshire. We invite students into the only college experience of its kind in the United States — designed precisely for the challenges our Church and society face today.

Through our education, students set out into the depths of wisdom. The deep richness of the Catholic intellectual tradition. The deep experience of a vocation of service. The deep wisdom of a faith grounded in Truth. The deep mystery of the future that is given to us to explore.

**Magdalen College offers an education for the heroic life, meant for our time, for the present need. An extraordinary four years that unite mind, heart, and soul for a world that is yearning to be transformed.**

George Harne, Ph.D.
President
**Magdalen College of the Liberal Arts**
WELCOME TO A PLACE WHERE YOU WILL BE TRANSFORMED IN EVERY WAY
Here on a glorious mountain campus in New England with a rich Catholic tradition, we provide you with a rhythm of life in tune with God and nature. Woven together by books, tradition, and beauty, the Magdalen College community shines with the light of true faith and enquiry.

Ascend the heights of Homer, Dante, and Hopkins to discover order and insight into the greatest ideas of all time. Scale the summit of the life of faith through the Eucharist amid the sound and splendor of worship. Explore every nook and cranny of the richness of our faith until you’ve discovered your vocation, your calling, your door to the extraordinary.

**Experience an education that is transformative. A formation of the complete person that will enable you to live out your unique call to greatness.**

You won’t descend from Mt. Kearsarge the same. You will achieve an incomparable vision that integrates reason and faith, nature and culture, and poetry and philosophy to guide the rest of your life. And you will forge ties with the men and women beside you that will withstand the tests of time and space because you share a mission to renew our world.
THE ONLY EDUCATION
OF ITS KIND IN THE U.S.

Magdalen College of the Liberal Arts calls her students to a transformative liberal education of the whole person. This education is ordered to human flourishing and communion, animated by the perennial questions, given shape by the classic books, and nourished by a vibrant liturgical and sacramental culture.

Joyfully Catholic in this ascent toward true freedom and a vision of the Good, Magdalen College calls all within her community to enter the great conversation of authors seeking wisdom that has unfolded across the ages, cultivating a life of virtue, poetic imagination, service, and life-giving fidelity.

LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE
- 110-credit core program integrates theology, philosophy, literature, politics, science, history, math, music, and art
- Five majors: Literature, Philosophy, Politics, Theology, and Interdisciplinary Great Books
- 48-credit, team-taught Humanities cycle unites students and faculty in a journey unsurpassed in its breadth and depth

GREAT BOOKS FOCUS
- The breadth and depth of the Western Canon studied beneath the twin lamps of reason and faith
- Exclusive use of primary sources — you won’t find any textbooks in our Humanities courses

SEMINAR LEARNING STYLE
- The classroom is a field on which to hone your ideas and perspectives freely according to reasoned enquiry
- A spirit of dialogue that leads to passionate insights rather than incited passions
- Understand and answer complex human questions

VIBRANT COMMUNITY LIFE
- A community that learns together, with all students united in reading the same books at the same time within the Humanities cycle, participating in a campus-wide conversation
- Faculty shares in the pursuit of wisdom, adventure, and faith alongside the students
- Animated by a rich spirit of friendship ordered to a common purpose and sustained throughout life

FAITHFULLY CATHOLIC
- Vibrant Catholic community animated by the Church’s great liturgical and spiritual traditions
- Residential chapels in which the Blessed Sacrament is reserved
- Campus co-curricular activities, including a discernment program, pro-life club, and a variety of organizations that contribute to the formation of the whole person
- A faculty sworn to fidelity to settled Catholic teaching

HEART OF SERVICE
- Organized outings to serve the homeless, elderly, and poor locally and in Boston
- Students embrace weekly vigils at abortion clinics, sidewalk counseling, volunteering, and the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

SPIRIT OF ENTERPRISE
- A robust Career Pathways Program designed to build bridges to career and internship opportunities
- Students demonstrate initiative and leadership as stewards of the campus and in service to the community where they live

MOUNTAIN EXPERIENCE
- Campus sits on 135 acres of natural beauty, a landscape awaiting exploration
- Seasonal activities that make the most of the outdoors — including rowing club, hiking, and skiing
- A perfect setting for an integration of the active and the contemplative life
“IDEAS DO NOT EXIST IN A PLATONIC HEAVEN OR ON THE PRINTED PAGE. THEY EXIST IN THE PLAY OF LIVELY MINDS.”

- Saint John Henry Newman
Dr. Anthony Esolen leads students in his Honors Colloquium “Literature of Spiritual Crisis.”
Encounter the wisdom of the greatest thinkers ever. Dante. Shakespeare. Dostoevsky. Homer. Aristotle. Augustine. These are the living intellects with whom we debate, discuss, and wrestle in our exploration of the deep mysteries of the human condition. They will accompany you, not only through your four years at Magdalen College, but for life — a council of wisdom, a wellspring to turn to, again and again, whose depths you will never exhaust.

Our education is animated by dialogue, inspired by a deep understanding of what is needed for the ultimate human adventure.

You will possess the tools and character to slice through the toughest knots, see through the foggiest debates, and articulate the clearest and most fearless ideas. Learn how to think analytically, write and speak convincingly, and approach challenges with creativity and imagination. Discuss and discover meaning at the heart of any complex issue.

This education will not only set you apart from the crowd; it will equip you to lead it.
Magdalen College of the Liberal Arts is a steward of the Catholic intellectual tradition and a participant in the Church’s mission to share the joy of truth through its unique liberal education.

Here, you will live a rich liturgical life. You will experience the abundance of God’s grace, expressed in sign and sacrament, feast day and solemnity, the changing of the leaves and the changing of vestments.

Worship in the ordinary, Tridentine, and Melkite forms of the liturgy. Pray Morning and Evening Prayer with your professors. Step into the chapel for silent Adoration between classes. Sing Compline with the campus community and experience the graces of Benediction.

Experience deep encounters with Christ and his Church through Marian consecration, retreats, our vocation discernment program, lectures by campus priests, and small groups for men and women.

Participate in the summit of the college’s liturgical year, Holy Week, filled with unforgettable music, sacrament, and celebration.
At Magdalen College of the Liberal Arts, you will experience a close-knit community in which lifelong friendships develop and students pursue active service and fearless charity.

We delight in our friendships and enjoy the goodness of our community, expressed through our reading of the great books together, casual conversations over lunch, adventures off campus, and special on-campus events — including dances, dinners, bonfires, sports, retreats, speakers, plays, concerts, and more.

Through our campus service program, you will share in the beautification and maintenance of our collegiate home. Cultivate your natural gifts to maintain the campus, lead the music of the liturgy, care for the chapel, and nourish each other from the kitchen. This service contributes to the sense that the campus is our common home while developing both practical and leadership skills.

And you will be invited to joyfully serve the greater community — whether in granting a voice to the unborn, feeding the poor, or befriending the elderly.
“Every aspect of yourself will be spoken to here - the intellectual and spiritual parts of yourself, the capacity for friendships and relationships. They will be awakened in a way you may have never experienced before.”

- Allyson Anderson, Class of 2020
Students sketch outside as part of the “Arts of the Beautiful” Program. A program that integrates courses in the arts with on-campus and off-campus experiences of cultural beauty.
Beauty pervades life at Magdalen College.

Walk among the pristine mountains, the rock walls, the vibrant foliage. Raise your voice in song, put pen and ink to paper, recite lines of Shakespeare. Reflect on artistic making and aesthetic experience using the tools of philosophy and theology. Pray more deeply through the beauty of sacred liturgy.

You will experience beauty in these many ways. Attend plays, concerts, and museums through our Arts of the Beautiful Program. Cultivate your artistic abilities through the Fine Arts Concentration. Worship God in song through our sacred music program. Immerse yourself in nature from the top of mountains or the edge of the ocean.
BEAUTY TRANSFORMS OUR LIVES, DRAWING US OUT OF OURSELVES AND INTO COMMUNION WITH GOD AND ONE ANOTHER
“EVERY ASPECT OF YOURSELF WILL BE SPOKEN TO HERE”

Joe McGrath ‘20

“Duc In Altum means setting out into the deep in the program of studies, diving into the hearts and minds of the authors, and setting out into the deep of the community.”

Christin Casey ‘20

“The world needs strong individuals that are confident in themselves, who know how to express themselves, who know how to stand up for their beliefs and for what’s right. That’s what the whole program of studies here really does.”

Zofia Joynt ‘22

“I appreciate so many aspects of Magdalen College: the engaging texts we read, incredible professors, daily Mass and accessible Sacraments, and the strong friendships. Life at Magdalen is a beautiful balance between academics and leisure.”

Joseph Warnert ‘21

“The spiritual life on campus is truly something special. The desire, the thirst for God, is actively present in such strong ways here.”

Katelyn Anderson ‘21

“At Magdalen College the texts we read influence our lives. The search for truth and meaning doesn’t stop in the classroom but continues to shape and influence us long after the last class has let out for the day.”

Israel Gombojov ‘23

“The discussions in class are unlike any I have previously experienced. They are insightful and filled with significance.”
WALK THE STREETS OF ROME, KRAKOW, NORCIA, AND OXFORD

Spend a semester in Rome, Krakow, and Norcia. Enliven your intellect and imagination in ways that will shape ever more deeply your interior life.

In Rome, the Eternal City, you will experience in concrete ways the substance of liberal education through the sights, sounds, tastes, rhythms, and textures of the city.

In Krakow you will live and study within the rich tapestry of history and culture that formed Karol Wojtyla — the man who would become St. John Paul II — learning to see more clearly with his vision the nature of the human person and the dynamic realities that shape us at the deepest levels.

In Norcia, you will live and pray alongside the monks who have re-established monasticism in the birthplace of St. Benedict and St. Scholastica, experiencing first-hand the practices that will be essential to the renewal of the West.

In the summer, you will have the opportunity to study in Oxford, the world of C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien and the intellectual home from which the college derives her name.
Upon graduating from Magdalen College of the Liberal Arts, you will have acquired an education first developed by the ancients — a paideia of the whole person — and discovered a life of intellectual virtue, deep faith, poetic imagination, and service animated by love.

You will descend the mountain ready to draw upon the accumulated wisdom of the past in order to answer the most urgent questions of our time.

You will have experienced an extraordinary education of the whole person, one that prepares you to sustain and shape the goodness of creation — sometimes quietly in your home or community and sometimes in the public sphere — as a doctor, entrepreneur, lawmaker, civic leader, CEO, priest, or religious sister.

We help you connect your academic formation and your future through our Career Pathways Program and Vocation Discernment Program. Know who you are, why you are here, and what you are supposed to do.

This is an education that is at once for its own sake, for your sake, and for the sake of the world.