



International Student Presentation

ALVERNIA UNIVERSITY

- **Founded** in 1958 and has grown to include approximately 2,900 students.
- **Accreditation:** Alvernia is regionally accredited by Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) on Colleges.
- **The 121-acre** Alvernia campus is located in a secure, residential neighborhood, in Reading, Pennsylvania, the fifth-largest city in Pennsylvania.
- **Ranked** as a top college by *Affordable Colleges Online* as one of the 2013 Highest Return on Investment Colleges, in Pennsylvania, and by *U.S. News & World Report* magazine in its annual listing of Best U.S. Colleges and Universities, in the best regional universities category (North). The publication also previously named Alvernia as a Best Buy in the Northeast.
- **Student-faculty** ratio of 12:1, 71% of Alvernia University's classes are with fewer than 20 students.
- **Real World Learning to** provide students with hands-on educational opportunities through internships, field experiences, co-ops, clinical assignments, research projects, community service and more.



CAREER DEVELOPMENT

The Office of Career Development provides students the support they need as they navigate all phases of occupational exploration, career planning, and job seeking. Students can take advantage of:

- Job and internship listings via the College Central Network
- Résumé and cover letter reviews by appointment
- Employer and industry connection events
- Job search assistance
- Personality, interests, and skills assessment
- Graduate school application assistance
- Individual career counseling/coaching
- Job and internship search assistance
- Interview tips/mock interviews
- Career and internship fairs
- Networking opportunities
- LinkedIn profile assistance
- Major, company, and industry exploration



AROUND CAMPUS



Classrooms • Activities • Administration

- (A) Business/Education Building
- (B) Bernardine Hall
- (C) Student Center
- (D) Graduate and Continuing Studies Center
- (E) Francis Hall & Police Academy
- (F) Phys. Ed. Center (PEC)
- (G) Art Studio
- (H) Nursing Resource Center
- (I) Science Center (Fall 2006)
- (K) Franco Library
- (L) Upland Center

Athletic Fields

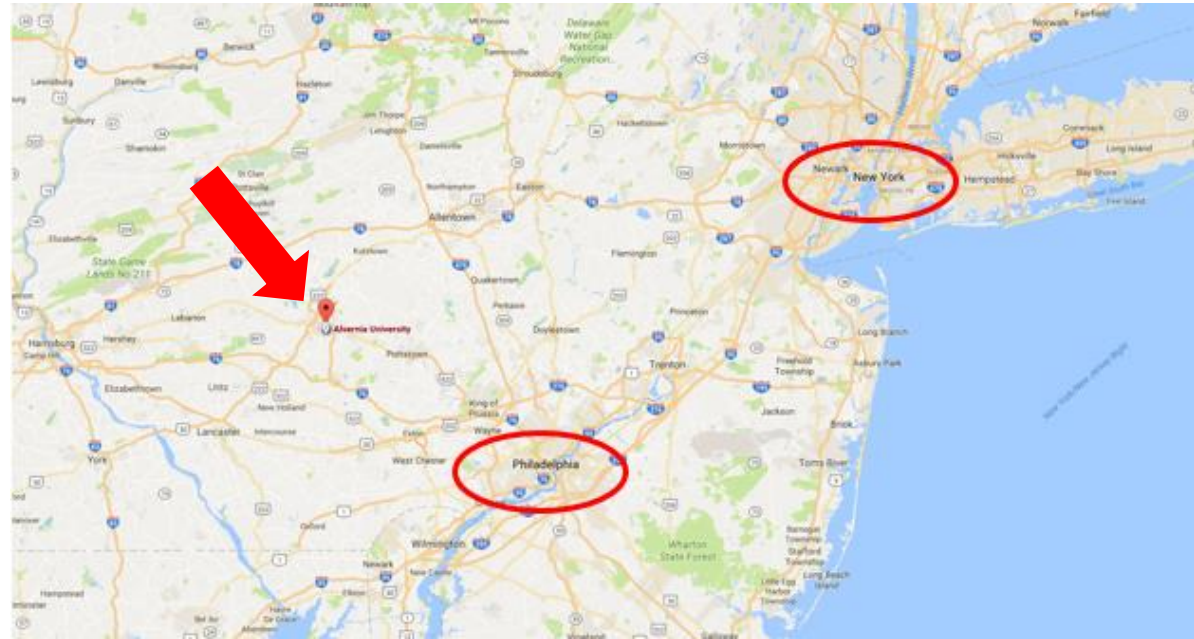
- (M) Baseball Field
- (N) Schlager Soccer Field & Lacrosse Field
- (O) Rec Deck
- (R) Softball/Hockey Field

Residence Halls

- (S) Francis (Residence) Hall
- (T) Veronica Hall
- (U) Clare Hall
- (V) Anthony Hall
- (W) Siena Hall
- (X) Assisi Hall
- (Y) Judge Hall

ABOUT READING, PENNSYLVANIA

Alvernia University is located in southeastern Pennsylvania, in the principal city of the Greater Reading Area.



- Reading, Pennsylvania, is part of the Philadelphia-Reading-Camden, PA-NJ-DE-MD Combined Statistical Area (CSA), an area with an estimated population of 7,179,357 – the 8th most populous CSA in the US.



SELECTED UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Over 50 Undergraduate majors and minors, including the following programs*:

Program Name*	STEM	Length
Behavioral Health (BA, BS)	NO	4 years
Biology (BS)	YES	4 years
Biology-Medical Laboratory Science (BS)	YES	4 years
Business (BS, MBA)	NO	5 years
Chemistry (BS)	YES	4 years
Environmental Biochemistry (BS)	YES	4 years
Healthcare Science (BS)	YES	4 years
Mathematics (BS)	YES	4 years
Nursing (BSN)	NO	4 years
Occupational Therapy (BS, MS)** **5-year BS in Health Science and MS in Occupational Therapy program	NO	5 years

***If program requires licensing, international students cannot sit for licensure. Education programs are not available.*

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Students must have met all admissions criteria and must confirm enrollment by May 1 for Fall and October 1 for Spring. Confirmations of enrollment completed and received after these deadlines may be considered on a funds-available basis.

Scholarship	Criteria	Scholarship Amount	Net Tuition*
None		\$0	\$131,360
International Fellow	<ul style="list-style-type: none">GPA 3.0	\$13,500/year	\$77,360
International Ambassador	<ul style="list-style-type: none">GPA 3.0 andACT 21 or SAT 1080	\$17,000/year	\$63,360

**Net Tuition estimates annual increases and does not include Room and Board, Fees, Personal Expenses, or Insurance. Year 2017.*

SELECTED GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Graduate programs available, include:

Program Name	STEM	Length	Credits	Net Tuition
Master of Business Administration	NO	1 year	30-39*	\$22,650- \$29,445**
Leadership (MA)	NO	18 months	30	\$22,650**
Leadership (Ph.D)	NO	5 years	63	\$61,110***

* MBA credit requirements will depend on previous degree but will typically be 30 credits if undergraduate degree is Business.

** *Based on standard graduate tuition rate of \$755/credit hour*

*** *Based on standard tuition rate of \$970/credit hour*

Education programs are not available.

ALVERNIA UNIVERSITY MBA

- No GMAT/ GRE requirements but can help students with a low GPA get accepted
- Additional accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP)

Scholarship	Criteria	Scholarship Amount	Net Tuition (30 Credits)	Net Tuition (39 Credits)
No Scholarship		\$0	\$22,650	\$29,445
International Ambassador	• GPA 3.0	\$8000/program	\$14,650	\$21,445

- MBA credit requirements will depend on previous degree but will typically be 30 credits if undergraduate degree is in the field of Business.

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CPT & OPT

Curricular Practical Training (CPT) and Optional Practical Training (OPT) are both available at Alvernia University.

Eligibility Requirements	
CPT	OPT
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can be approved if off-site placement is directly linked to a requirement within major.• Must be a requirement for all students enrolled in the program of study.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ For example, it is a requirement for Nursing, OT, BH, DPT.• Cannot exceed 10 hours a week• Neither CPT nor OPT can be requested until the student has completed a year of study	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pre and post-completion OPT is an option.• Pre-completion limits a student's ability to remain in the country as the hours completed prior to completion are deducted from post-completion and the maximum allowance is a calendar year of employment.• If approved for pre-completion, they must be FT students for Fall and Spring terms. Cannot work more than 10 hours a week during these semesters.• Must be in good standing and departmentally approved for OPT• Must do the application with a DSO (fee also required).

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Application for Admission online:
 - LHI will first pre-screen application, collect application materials and enter online for student.

2. Credentials and documentation required for International Students:
 - Verified scanned copies (by LHI) of high school transcripts to be sent from LHI to Alvernia. LHI will verify equivalency prior to submission of application to Alvernia using AACRAO Edge or equivalent tool. 3rd party evaluations will be required only if there are any discrepancies or if the grading system is unfamiliar.

 - All international students, whose native or official language is not English, must show proof of English with one of the following:
 - 60 IBT TOEFL – or – 6.0 IELTS – or – 50 PTE
 - SAT: minimum 500
 - ACT: 21 on the English section

 - Copy of Passport
 - Financial Statement and affidavit
 - Minimum 2.5 GPA (GPA requirements vary for Nursing and Occupational Therapy) (Minimum 3.0 GPA for scholarship)

3. Application takes 5 business days for admissions review and approval.

4. Requirements for Nursing & Occupational Therapy are higher:
 - Nursing: 2.8 and 1000 combined CR and Math on the SAT
 - Occupational Therapy: OT is 3.0 and 1080, and PT is 3.5 and 1170

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 - Verified scanned copies (by LHI) of school transcripts from each college or university attended to be sent from LHI to Alvernia. LHI will verify 3 year degree equivalency prior to submission of application to Alvernia using AACRAO Edge or equivalent tool. 3rd party evaluations will be required if there are any discrepancies.
 - All international students whose native language is not English must submit TOEFL or IELTS scores:
 - 79 TOEFL – or – 6.5 IELTS – or – 58 PTE
 - Copy of Passport
 - Financial Statement and affidavit
 - 3 Letters of Recommendation
 - Minimum 3.0 GPA
 - *If GPA is lower than 3.0, GMAT or GRE can be submitted for admission consideration, but this is no guarantee of admission.*
3. Application takes 10-15 business days for admissions review and approval.

*In some cases an interview will be required with the program lead and the student.

**GRE/GMAT is required for PhD programs. It is also required for the MBA program if GPA is below 3.0. It may be also be required for MA in Leadership if GPA below 3.0

ADMISSION DATES AND DEADLINES

Semester	Admission Deadline	I-20 Deadline	Orientation (presence required)	Start Date
Summer 2018**	March 16 th , 2018			May 14 th , 2018*
Fall 2018	June 27, 2018 60 days prior to start	July 9, 2018 <i>45 days prior to start</i>	August 24-August 28 th	August 27, 2018
Spring 2019	November 15, 2018	November 30, 2018	January 12-January 14 th	January 15, 2019

** Summer start is limited to the MBA and MA in Leadership

Academic Calendar: https://www.alvernia.edu/student-life/student-services/registrar/PDF/academic_calendar.pdf

CONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE

The university will issue a conditional offer on the following basis:

- Prior to HS completion (while pending final transcripts)

Conditional offers are not available for graduate applications

I-20 STAGE

If a student is made an admissions offer, the following documentation is required in order to process an I-20:

- \$300 deposit*

*refundable if visa is denied

Soft copy of Form I-20 is NOT emailed to student- we will receive SEVIS number and tracking details.

VISA AND PAYMENT PROCESS

- Upon visa approval, a student must pay one semester's tuition and housing within 2 of weeks of Visa approval and prior to arrival in the US.
 - Standard room & board rates vary and will determine the amount to be paid. *Refer to slide on “Housing with Meal Plans” for rates.*
 - *All first year students are required to stay on campus for the first 2 years.*

ROOM & BOARD SUMMARY

All Alvernia University Residence Halls offer the following:

- Furnished rooms with air conditioning and heat
- Cable, internet and home phone service (local)
- Laundry facilities, social lounges and study areas

Room and Board: \$11,020/year*

Housing Deposit: \$250

*Estimated. Room and Board varies, depending on residence hall and meal plan selected

First Year Residence Halls

- Clare Hall
- Veronica Hall
- Francis Hall



Niche.com's 2016 Best Colleges poll ranks Alvernia as one of the top 50 colleges and universities in Pennsylvania. Niche's 2015 poll ranked Alvernia's dorms #6 in Pennsylvania and #85 in the nation based on opinions from 60,000 students.



Questions