Choose
Southern Vermont College
academics at a glance

majors
Biological Sciences
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Human Services
Radiologic Sciences
Sports, Recreation, & Tourism Management

minors
Biology
Business Administration
Chemistry
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English
Environmental Studies
Exercise Science
Humanities
Music
Natural Sciences
Psychology
Rhetoric
Visual Arts

apply today
Did you know it’s free to apply?
Apply today at apply.svc.edu!
close-knit

average class size: **16**
14:1 student-faculty ratio

95% of students receive an institutional grant or scholarship

active

21 clubs and organizations
12 NCAA Division III teams
More than **5** ski resorts within an hour of campus

scenic

370+ acre campus
1.5 miles from downtown

connect with SVC

Twitter: SVCAmissions
Snapchat: DiscoverSVC
Facebook: facebook.com/SVCAmissions/
Instagram: SVCAmissions
Southern Vermont College affirms a deep belief in the potential of every individual. We embrace diversity in all its forms, fostering excellence and personal responsibility in each member of our community. Grounded in the liberal arts, our programs prepare students to look beyond boundaries, to engage their communities, and to excel in their professional endeavors.
Through the liberal arts curriculum, Southern Vermont College seeks to transform students into engaged citizens and active participants in an ever-changing society.

Whether you find yourself drawn to Business, Humanities, Nursing and Health Services, Science and Mathematics, or Social Sciences—the College’s five divisions—SVC will help you become a lifelong and dynamic learner.

combine classroom learning with real-world experiences through internships and learn-by-doing projects
about bennington
the gateway to Vermont

Nestled in the mountains of southwestern Vermont, historic Bennington offers all the best of New England living: a walkable downtown, fresh local eateries, beautiful hiking trails, dynamic cultural opportunities, and more.

Bennington is conveniently located only an hour from the Albany International Airport and Rensselaer Train Station.

For more on the town, check out www.bennington.com; for more on Vermont, visit www.ThisIsVermont.com
outdoor recreation

Camping
Mountain Biking
Leaf Peeping
Green Mountain Skydiving
Skiing/Snowboarding (within 1 hour)
  • Prospect Mountain
  • Mount Snow
  • Killington Ski Resort
  • Berkshire East Mountain Resort
  • Jiminy Peak

Hiking
  • Trails on campus
  • Appalachian/Long Trail
  • Bald Mountain
  • Equinox Preservation Trust
  • Grout Pond
  • Lake Shaftsbury State Park Nature Trail
  • Little Pond
  • Manchester Riverwalk
  • Mt. Anthony
  • Mile Around Woods
  • Norman Greenberg Conservation Reserve
  • Woodford State Park Nature Trail
  • White Rocks

parks & forests

Green Mountain National Forest
Greenwood Lodge & Campsites
Lake Shaftsbury State Park
Lake Paran
One World Conservation Center
Woodford State Park

festivals

Annual: Southern Vermont Art and Craft Festival
May: Mayfest Arts and Craft Festival
September: Garlic Festival
October: Oktoberfest

arts & theater

Oldcastle Theater
Bennington Potters
Bennington Center for the Arts
Bennington Arts Guild
Fiddlehead at Four Corners
Vermont Covered Bridge Museum

history

Bennington Battle Monument
Bennington Battlefield
Bennington Museum
Historic Park-McCullough
The Dollhouse & Toy Museum of Vermont
Robert Frost Stone House Museum
Shaftsbury Historical Society

local flavor

The Apple Barn
Orchards and farmer’s markets
Since 1978, the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) has helped thousands of students realize their dreams of earning college degrees.

As the primary office of academic support at Southern Vermont College, the CTL provides a wide range of services (free of charge) that help students get the most out of their college years—whether they are struggling in class or want to progress from “good” to “great.” In fact, according to the American Council on Education, students who use academic support services on campus have demonstrably increased grade-point averages (GPAs) over students who go it alone.

The Center for Teaching and Learning also houses TRIO, a federally funded program designed to provide enhanced support to targeted individuals—the first in their families to go to college, from low-income households, and/or having a documented disability—as they progress toward college graduation.

**services**

- Professional and peer tutoring, study skills workshops, test preparation (and more) through the Tutoring Office
- Career planning and counseling, graduate study opportunities, and internships
- Confidential consultations and referrals through Academic Counseling Services and Personal Counseling Services
- Special needs assistance and accommodations through the Learning Differences Support Program
- Library Resources: These program services are delivered by a sensitive, dedicated, and skilled staff
- Phone: 802-447-6372
Let your voice be heard.

No matter what genre you love, Creative Writing at SVC will help you hone your voice and hone your skills. Working together with professional writers, editors, publishers, and peer writers, you’ll explore different types of writing and learn to refine, edit, and develop your work.

After developing the academic skills needed to succeed as a writer, you’ll move into a more individualized program, creating your own work, sharing your writing, and participating in peer feedback sessions. You’ll be ready to pick up your pen and dive into grad school or a career in editing, education, publishing, or beyond.

study

bachelor’s degree

do

dig in to your area of focus with a hands-on internship and applied capstone project

pursue

journalism marketing
publishing education

“Being a Creative Writing major at SVC gives me the opportunity to have my writing evaluated by a group of professors who are extremely passionate about helping me find and develop my writing voice. I also have the chance to meet with other talented student writers. Together we work as a team to help one another find our voices, and improve upon our writing skills.”

—Torrey (’17)
Explore the world and yourself through literature.

Studying English is far more than just reading Shakespeare. At SVC, you’ll explore ideas from diverse classic and modern writers, building your own views of the world as a result. Through literature, English majors investigate expressions of the human spirit spanning centuries and develop their skills in critical analysis, creative problem solving, research, writing, and speaking. With the analytical skills you’ll gain, you’ll be ready to enter a range of careers and start writing your own life story.

major: English

book it

Through the Shires Press Publishing Program, SVC students take their own writing from concept to completion, while studying the foundations of book publishing.

At the end of the program’s four courses, you’ll have printed copies of your own published work, with opportunities to promote it in retail and online marketplaces.
major: communication

through the looking glass

Develop publishing skills, journalism experience, and even video production skills by working on SVC’s student-produced digital magazine, *The Looking Glass.*

Check it out at: lookingglass.svc.edu

study

bachelor’s degree

do

dig in to your area of focus with a hands-on internship or applied capstone project

pursue

marketing & pr journalism law politics

Get your message across.

Today more than ever before, communication is a key to success. A degree at SVC brings together elements of humanities, social sciences, and business to create a hands-on, dynamic communications experience. As you develop your focus, your advisor will help you create a personalized plan of study in areas like new media, business, and healthcare communication.

You’ll gain real-world experience through an internship and can choose either a traditional senior thesis or a capstone project in your area of interest for more hands-on experience, honing your ability to teach, inform, and persuade—skills valuable in a range of careers and life paths.
Prepare for whatever life brings your way, at work and beyond.

Adaptability is one of the most important skills today. A Liberal Arts degree from SVC is the ideal way to ensure you’re ready for whatever challenges await you. By learning ‘how to learn’ and how different fields of study intersect and build on each other, you will develop a well-rounded and complex approach to problem solving. Students with Liberal Arts degrees thrive when pursuing a wide range of career options.

You’ll be encouraged to explore the world—reading, listening, thinking, and communicating effectively through writing, speech and the arts.

major: liberal arts

study

bachelor’s degree

do

design the course of study that works best for you, based on your unique interests

pursue

your dreams are the only limit with a liberal arts degree from SVC

“In my experience at SVC, the best part has been the amazing support from the professors. They truly are willing to go above and beyond to help you reach your goals and see you succeed. I never felt like just another student in a lecture hall, but like a peer learning and growing with my instructors.”

—Chelsey (’16)
study
bachelor’s degree

do
get hands-on experience in an applied venture initiative, such as our café/lounge or sustainable food garden

pursue
sales marketing nonprofits
government finance

throw out your best pitch

Students in the Business Division’s Applied Ventures class work with Business Model Canvases, a strategic management and entrepreneurial tool that allows them to design, challenge, invent, and adapt a business model. Once the top viable proposals are identified, the students form teams and pitch their business concept to outside venture capital competitions. SVC students have pitched at several professional national and regional competitions, where they are sometimes the only college team. Projects have ranged from building a sustainable community food garden to producing and marketing eco-friendly, designer alpaca jackets.

Get the real-world experience you need to excel in business.

Working with our skilled faculty, you’ll gain firsthand experience with marketing, entrepreneurship, management, and more. Dive deep with internships and class projects, developing the technical expertise and financial knowledge needed to make decisions in a dynamic economy while enhancing your ability to communicate and motivate employees.

Students in the Business Division’s MG140 Sports Management class have partnered for two years with Bennington Area Trail Systems (BATS), a nonprofit organization dedicated to the non-motorized use of area trails. Students plan, organize, and host the Annual Trail Mix Event, creating awareness of local outdoor activities and raising funds for the BATS.

major:

business administration
Build the next big thing.

If you’ve ever dreamed of building your own enterprise, SVC’s Entrepreneurship degree can give you the advantage you need in a challenging business environment. You’ll learn to create innovative, entrepreneurial organizations with an emphasis on sustainability and local economies, and to manage organizations in a highly competitive global environment that is infused with technological innovation. At SVC, we believe that we learn best while doing, by practicing and improving upon what we are learning.

After acquiring a sound foundation in finance and organizational practice, you’ll begin to put what you’ve learned to work by creating your own enterprise as part of the degree.
major:
sports, recreation, & tourism management

On your mark...get set...grow your business!

Business is more than just sales. SVC’s comprehensive, team-based Sports, Recreation, and Tourism Management program will prepare you to become a leader in the field, integrating business theory with practical opportunities.

Get ready for an exciting career in the sports, fitness, health, wellness, and recreation industries. You can focus on working with amateur, recreational, collegiate, or professional sports organizations. It’s time to make your mark.

study
bachelor’s degree

do
learn fundamental finance and management skills, then move on to specialized study in health, wellness, and athletics, preparing you for your dream career

pursue
coaching
team management
health & wellness

“SVC taught me how to run a business the right way, along with how to give back through philanthropic endeavors. SVC’s experienced professors prepared and motivated me to get where I am today and to see where I’m going in the future.”

—Rob (’15)
Manage the challenges of modern care.

The healthcare industry in the 21st century presents exciting opportunities for those who are not specifically interested in direct patient care. A degree in Healthcare Management from SVC will prepare you for a wide range of business careers within the medical, insurance, pharmaceutical, and health and wellness fields. You’ll develop general business foundations while engaging in industry-specific coursework in law, insurance, and operations. Your internship or practicum will give you the hands-on experience you need to succeed.

major:
healthcare management

“My professors really prepared me for the business world with not only lectures but hands-on work that gave me first-hand experience. I left SVC feeling like I had a good general knowledge of many different areas in the industry.”

—Jullia (’16)
Caring, knowledgable, and professional.

With clinically expert professors, hands-on practice in our simulation labs and clinical experiences in regional healthcare facilities, SVC nursing graduates are ready to take a leadership role in hospitals, medical centers, clinics, long-term care, and communities. You can choose between two tracks: the Pre-Licensure BSN track will prepare you to sit for the NCLEX-RN examination, while the RN-BSN track is designed for registered nurses who wish to continue their education and achieve a BSN.

SVC’s Healthcare Education Center in downtown Bennington, just blocks from campus, offers spacious classrooms designed for engaged learning and a fully functioning simulation lab. The Center features low-fidelity and high-fidelity labs, a computer classroom, dedicated student spaces, and more, letting you develop your skills and prepare for practice.

study

bachelor’s degree

major: nursing

do

prepare to become an in-demand healthcare professional by honing your knowledge and skills in our simulation labs and clinical settings

pursue

international nursing

mental health community care

long-term care

critical care
Envision your future.

As the healthcare landscape transforms, more and more specialists are required to keep our communities healthy. The Radiologic Sciences program at Southern Vermont College will help you get a strong start in an in-demand field, learning current and developing technologies, safety standards, and cutting-edge techniques. You’ll develop critical-thinking skills, communication abilities, and problem-solving skills that will help you become a key part of the healthcare team.

Radiologic technologists are in high demand in hospitals, clinics, doctor’s offices, and elsewhere. Your competency-based, hands-on SVC education will prepare you for a career in a variety of settings.

major: radiologic sciences

study

bachelor’s degree computerized tomography (CT) certificate

do

gain both technical knowledge and communication and problem-solving skills, enabling you to be a key part of healthcare teams

pursue

hospital work imaging centers teaching administration

Hattie (’16) is a registered Radiologic Technologist working at Southwestern Vermont Medical Center and MedExpress urgent care. She plans to further her career through a diagnostic medical sonography program this fall.
Explore the living world.

Life is all around us. No matter the aspect of biology that fascinates you, you’ll find avenues to explore, excite, and challenge you in the Biological Sciences degree program at SVC. You can create an individualized course of study with an emphasis in Ecology and Environment, Cellular and Molecular Biology, or Pre-Professional Studies, preparing you to pursue graduate work or apply your knowledge of science to any number of careers.

major:

biological sciences

Chelsey (’16) came to SVC to fulfill her dream of becoming a research scientist. She served as president of the Biology Club and was a Biology I teaching assistant. She is now pursuing her master’s in Public Health at UVM.
Uncover the mysteries of the human mind.

Psychologists study the human mind and the human experience, learning how to help people deal with issues that arise in daily life, conducting research, and providing insight into how we think and act. At SVC, you’ll first gain a theoretical foundation, then choose courses with the help of your advisor to move toward your unique long-term educational and career goals.

You’ll have the chance to gain practical experience with both theory and field techniques. At SVC, Psychology students are placed with community agencies and private practice sites for practica and participate in weekly seminars to go in-depth with developmental, theoretical, and clinical psychology practices.

major: psychology

“My junior practicum working at the Vermont Veterans’ Home solidified my vocation—to be a geriatric social worker. I am proud to be continuing on to the University of Michigan School of Social Work in the fall.”

—Stacy (’16)
Advocate, engage, and change lives.

Whether you want to maintain a flexible path or you know the area you want to pursue, SVC can help you on the way to your social work career. Our specialties in Healthcare and Community Advocacy and Child and Family studies will prepare you for the challenges of helping communities, families, and individuals navigate life’s issues, while the generalist track will lay the groundwork for you to shape your own career path.

“...about myself in the last four years than I ever had before. I have a deeply ingrained passion for helping others. I will make a difference with my degree from SVC.”

—Kaitlyn (’16)
Learn about the past to help shape the future.

History and political science come together in one comprehensive degree at SVC that will prepare you to engage with law, politics, business, and more in your career.

At SVC, you’ll learn about United States history and politics in a global context—a key for engaging with the modern business environment. You’ll get a solid background in the liberal arts tradition that law schools and employers are looking for, developing your critical-thinking skills and getting ready to take on a variety of life challenges.
Lissa (’16) is working as trial preparation assistant in the New York County District Attorney’s Office in Manhattan. Her future plans include pursuing a master’s degree in Criminal Justice with a concentration in Crime Scene Investigation.

Protect and serve.

Everyone wants to make a difference in the world. With a Criminal Justice degree from SVC, you can have a direct effect on your community and the larger world, helping to protect, serve, enforce, and defend. A practicum and applied experience will prepare you for a career with local or state law enforcement agencies, federal bureaus, correctional institutions, social services programs, insurance companies, private corporations, and more.

Our unique partnership with the Vermont Police Academy gives you the opportunity to qualify for the Academy as part of your final semester, getting a jump on your career.
study abroad
explore the world through Southern Vermont College

choose from 6 regions

Africa
- Morocco
- South Africa

Asia
- China
- South Korea
- India
- Thailand
- Japan

Latin America
- Argentina
- Cuba
- Brazil
- Dominican Republic
- Chile
- Peru
- Colombia
- Costa Rica

Europe
- Belgium
- Greece
- Czech Republic
- Ireland
- England
- Italy
- France
- Scotland
- Germany
- Spain

Middle East
- Jordan

Pacific
- Australia
- Fiji
- New Zealand

Learn about Shanely’s study abroad in Spain: shanelytravels.wordpress.com/

Read about Kiley’s experience in London: adventurouskiley.blogspot.com/
community partnerships

gain real-world experience

community internship partners

Bennington Area Chamber of Commerce
Bennington County Child Advocacy Center
Bennington County District Attorney
Bennington County Sheriff’s Department
Bennington Early Childhood Center
Bennington Elementary School
Bennington Free Clinic
Bennington Police Department
Branch Hill Publications
Catamount Access Television
Center for Restorative Justice
Children’s Integrated Services
Colchester Police Department
College Steps
Enterprise
Hartford Community Restorative Justice Center
Hoosick Falls Health Center
Manchester Police Department
Massachusetts State Police
Phoenix Fire Entertainment
Power House Athletics
Project Against Violent Encounters
Rensselaer County District Attorney
Samaritan Health Systems - Medical Center
Southern Vermont Medical Center
Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging
The Cages at the Mill
United Counseling Center
Vermont Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research
Vermont State Police
Village of Hoosick Falls Water Treatment Plant
Washington County District Attorney
Westchester County District Attorney
Williams College Athletic Department
Youth Services, Inc.

student spotlight:
Melodie Orrell, ’17

I interned at the Southwestern Vermont Medical Center (SVMC) and St. Peters Hospital. St. Peters was a large hospital with new equipment, and SVMC is a smaller hospital that offered students a chance to work at the Ortho Clinic. I interned from fall of junior year until spring of senior year. I gained much experience, including learning a lot about what I need to know to work as a professional in my field—you need to be respectful, ask as many questions as you can, and do everything you are permitted to do.
College is more than classroom lectures, homework, and exams. An SVC education is a total learning experience, providing you with opportunities to develop leadership skills, build lifelong friendships, enhance your personal and professional skills, and prepare for a fulfilling and successful life no matter where you go.
student government association

The Student Government Association (SGA) is a group of students elected to represent the student body to college administrators. The SGA consists of an executive board and a senate. The senate addresses issues such as college policy changes, food, housing, athletics, activities, and cultural events.

SVC for Justice

SVC for Justice is a group of students, faculty and staff who have joined as a community to take action involving human rights and community concerns on a campus, local, state and national level, promoting fairness and equality wherever it might be lacking.

nursing student association

The Nursing Student Association was formed to provide any interested student the opportunity to learn about the nursing field and to learn from, network with, and support each other in these endeavors.

radiology club

The goal of the Radiology Club is to further students’ knowledge of the field. Opportunities include all aspects of diagnostic imaging, understanding challenges of the field and continuing education about the field outside the classroom.

multicultural club

The Multicultural Club at SVC seeks to promote sharing and learning about different countries, cultures and other diversity. We aim to create knowledge, unity and acceptance of our differences.
**get involved**

Clubs and organizations at SVC offer dozens of opportunities to get out, get active, and try new experiences. From outdoor groups to volunteer work to the arts, there’s always something going on.

For more, visit svc.edu/clubs-and-orgs/

**improv nation**

One of SVC’s oldest groups, Improv Nation hosts an annual community Haunted Halloween Walk as a fundraiser for local charities. Throughout the year, they produce small shows and one-act plays.

**sing out**

Get your *Glee* on by singing with the First Amendment, an a capella musical group that meets weekly to explore different genres and styles.

**alternative spring break**

Make a difference during spring break by organizing and executing a trip to support a new community through service and civic engagement.

**mclovin**

Mountaineers Committed to Leading Others to Valuable Information Now (MCLOVIN) focuses on educating students about public health issues.

**moosecorps**

The MooseCorps is a community service club that organizes service opportunities for the SVC community.

Learn more about what we’re doing!

svc.edu/academics/profiles/students/
Entertainment abounds in Bennington. Check out the old-school diner, farmer’s market, theatre, and indie concerts and shows.

“The best part about being at SVC is getting to know other students and making connections. I also love the atmosphere and the environment. It’s calming and soothing.”

—Jahanna (’16)
Challenge yourself on and off the field.
Whether you’re interested in joining a club or competing with the best in the nation, SVC’s athletic programs offer you a way to test your limits, build lifelong friendships, and reach for the next level.
varsity athletics

women
soccer
cross country
volleyball
basketball
softball
lacrosse

men
soccer
cross country
volleyball
basketball
baseball

coed
outdoor track & field

12 Rookie of the Years

history of success

7 NECC Championship Wins:
Women’s Volleyball 2011
Women’s Volleyball 2012
Women’s Volleyball 2013
Men’s Cross Country 2014
Men’s Cross Country 2015
Men’s Basketball 2016
Men’s Cross Country 2016

12 NECC Championship Appearances:
Baseball 2016, 2011
Men’s Basketball 2016-17, 2015-16, 2014-15
Men’s Soccer 2011, 2010
Women’s Basketball 2014-15
Women’s Lacrosse 2016

5 NCAA Division III Tournament Appearances:
Men’s Basketball 2016, 2003

6 Defensive Player/Goalkeeper of the Years

227 All-NECC Honors
134 all NECC student-athlete selections
club sports

dodgeball
flag football
indoor soccer
skiing
snowboarding
ultimate frisbee
volleyball
financial aid
the help you need to succeed

At Southern Vermont College, our student-focused staff works individually with you and your family to provide information and resources to help you navigate the programs and services available to finance your education.
fast facts

- Average total aid package is $20,011
- 95% of students receive institutional grants or scholarships

FAFSA guidelines

1. File FAFSA as early as October 1
2. Enter the school code 003693
3. Within 2-3 weeks of acceptance to SVC, you will receive an award letter
4. Scholarships are honored until May 1 or until all funds have been awarded
5. In order to secure your scholarship, make your enrollment deposit by May 1

merit scholarships

- Presidential Scholarship
- Everett Scholarship
- SVC Opportunity Grant
- Engaged Student Award
- TRIO Scholarship
- Alumni/Legacy Scholarship
- Good Neighbor Scholarship
- Trustees’ Award

All students are reviewed for merit scholarships as a part of their application to the college.

FAQs

Where do I file for FAFSA?
FAFSA.ED.GOV

Where can I find help paying for college?
Southern Vermont College offers scholarships and grants designed to assist in payment of the tuition bill. Eligibility for these awards is based upon a variety of criteria, including, but not limited to, academic merit, financial need, and community service.

Where can I get more information?
Learn more about financial aid and scholarship opportunities at studentaid.ed.gov.

to learn more, visit svc.edu/financial-services or contact financialaid@svc.edu
application guidelines

1. Apply at apply.svc.edu (free online application)
2. Send supporting documents: ask your school counselor to send the following:
   - High School Transcript
   - A Letter of Recommendation
   - Personal Essay (may be submitted with your application)
   - See additional requirements below
3. Fill out and submit your FAFSA at fafsa.ed.gov (School Code: 003693)
4. Receive a decision letter and financial aid package between 2-3 weeks* after submitting your supporting documents.
5. Visit campus: svc.edu/visit
6. Attend an Accepted Student Day
7. Confirm your place in the class of 2022 at svc.edu/enroll

*Please know that the first round of acceptance letters will be delivered in December; the 2-3 weeks will apply to all applications received thereafter.

nursing admission requirements

GPA **2.8** Minimum
SAT **530** Math/27 Reading Subscore

or ACT **22** English and **22** Math

Biology & Chemistry: **C+** minimum

Two years of core math (recommended)

*Our Nursing program is direct entry and does not have a wait list. Students who do not meet all of these requirements will be placed in our Exploratory, Pre-Nursing program.

transfer requirements

College Transcript(s)
High School Transcript
Personal Essay

Nursing Transfer Requirements

GPA **2.8** Minimum*

*Nursing students have program-specific requirements prior to entry into the nursing course.