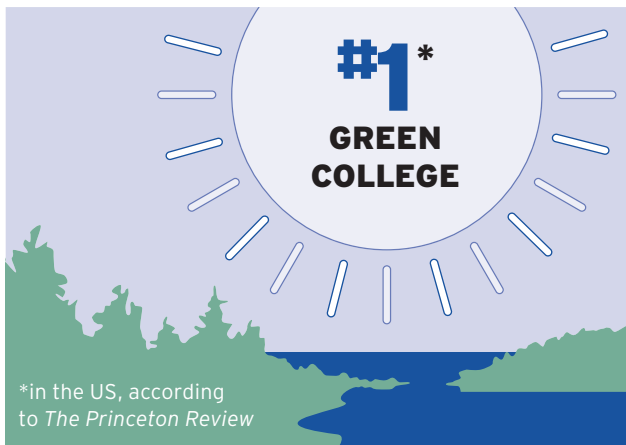




College of the Atlantic



2	research islands (Mount Desert Rock and Great Duck Island) and organic farms (Beech Hill Farm and Peggy Rockefeller Farm)
12	average class size
38	acre oceanfront campus
10:1	student: faculty ratio
350	full-time students
24%	of the student body comes from abroad, representing 45 different countries
100%	of our students complete an internship and a capstone senior project as part of their degree
100%	of first-year students live on campus

Design your own major: Limitless possibilities

Bachelor of Arts in human ecology

At College of the Atlantic, students have the freedom to design a program of study that allows them to explore their interests and pursue their passions while attaining their overall academic and career goals.

A human-ecological perspective integrates knowledge from all academic disciplines and from personal experience to investigate—and ultimately improve—the relationships between human beings and our social and natural communities.



2,784 graduates = 2,784 unique paths

Graduation requirements

Course requirements

- Human Ecology Core Course
- At least two courses from each of our three resource areas:
 - Environmental Sciences
 - Human Studies
 - Arts and Design
- History course
- Writing course
- Quantitative reasoning course

Other requirements

- Community service
- Writing portfolio
- Internship
- Human Ecology Essay
- Senior project



Rankings (according to *The Princeton Review*)

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| #1 Top 50 Green Colleges & Everyone Cares About Conservation | #14 Friendliest Students |
| #2 Most Active Student Government | #14 Professors Get High Marks |
| #3 LGBTQ-Friendly | #16 Their Students Love These Colleges |
| #4 Students Study the Most | #16 Town-Gown Relations are Great |
| #4 Great Financial Aid | #22 Best Quality of Life |
| #13 Most Engaged in Community Service | #22 Best Classroom Experience |

Resources

- Allied Whale, marine mammal research and rescue group
- Animation booth
- Art gallery
- Community Energy Center, a hub for renewable energy and energy efficiency education
- Cox Protectorate, a forest preserve
- Darkroom
- GIS lab
- Graphic design studio
- Greenhouses, gardens, arboretum, and COA/Acadia National Park Herbarium
- The Hatchery, a sustainable business incubator
- Makerspace
- Natural history museum
- North Woods Ways, a northern Maine wilderness center
- Printmaking studio
- Recording studio and practice rooms
- Research vessel, marine mammal stranding response boats, sailboats, kayaks, and canoes
- Taxidermy lab
- Teacher certification program
- Writing center



COA is a member of the EcoLeague, a semester exchange program which allows students to study at Alaska Pacific University (AK), Dickinson (PA), New College of Florida (FL), Northland College (WI), and Prescott College (AZ).

Life after COA

Most frequently attended graduate schools

American University, Columbia University, Cornell University, Duke University, Georgetown University, Harvard University, Johns Hopkins University, Lewis & Clark College, Northeastern University, Syracuse University, Tufts University, University of Connecticut, University of Maine, University of Montana, University of Oregon, University of Southern Maine, University of Virginia, Yale University

Careers

COA alumnx go on to pursue careers in marine biology, law, medicine, policy, education, international relations, museum curation, land-use planning, business, art, music, science, agriculture & food systems, veterinary sciences, journalism, environmental advocacy, and more.

Within one year of graduation:

97%

of alumnx go to graduate school or are employed

Within five years of graduation:

60%

of graduates pursue master's or doctoral degrees

Dates

Early Decision I	Early Action	Early Decision II	Regular Decision	Transfer admission
November 15: Admission and financial aid applications due	December 1: Admission and financial aid applications due	January 15: Admission and financial aid applications due	February 1: Admission and financial aid applications due	March 15: Admission and financial aid applications due
December 15: Response to applicants	Late January: Response to applicants	January 30: Response to applicants	April 1: Response to applicants	April 15: Response to applicants
January 10: Enrollment deposit due	May 1: Enrollment deposit due	February 15: Enrollment deposit due	May 1: Enrollment deposit due	May 15: Enrollment deposit due

COA does not have an application fee and standardized test scores are optional.