

Bennington College

Bennington, VT

Freshman Admission Requirements
Entrance Difficulty

Very Difficult: More than 50% of freshmen were in the top 10% of their high school class and scored over 1230 on the SAT I or over 26 on the ACT; about 60% or fewer of all applicants accepted.

HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION

High School Graduation	High school diploma required and GED is accepted
High School Program	College preparatory program is recommended

High School Units Required or Recommended

Subject	Required Units	Recommended Units
English		
Mathematics		
Science		
Foreign Language		
Social Studies		
History		
Academic Electives		

Examinations

Exam	Required Units	Scores Due in Admissions Office
SAT or ACT	Considered if submitted	January 3
SAT Only	Considered if submitted	January 3
ACT Only	Considered if submitted	January 3
SAT and SAT Subject Tests, or ACT	Considered if submitted	January 3
SAT Subject Tests Only	Considered if submitted	
SAT Essay Component Policy	Accepted with or without essay component	
ACT Writing Test Policy	Accepted with or without writing component	
ACT Writing Test Policy	SAT: Not used ACT: Not used	

Applying for Admission
Admissions Office

Address	One College Drive
City, State, Zip	Bennington, VT 05201
Phone	(802) 440-4312
Fax	(802) 447-4269
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Application Dates and Fees

Regular Admisson Deadline	January 15
Application Fee	No fee required
Application Fee Waiver	Not reported
Regular Admission Notification	March 22
Accept Offer of Admission	May 1
Waiting List Used	Yes
Defer Admission	Student can defer admission

Transfer Admission **Transfer applications accepted**

Early Admission

Early Decision Offered	Yes
Early Decision Deadline	November 15, January 15
Early Decision Notification	December 14, February 8
Early Action Offered	Yes
Early Action Deadline	December 1
Early Action Notification	February 1

Application Form

Common Application	Accepted
Universal College Application	Not accepted
Electronic Application	Available

Other Application Requirements

Interview	Not Required
Essay or Personal Statement	Required for all freshmen
Letters of Recommendation	2 required for all freshmen
Other	Graded analytic paper required for freshmen
Financial Need	Financial need is a consideration in the admissions process

Selection of Students

Factor	Very Important	Important	Considered	Not Considered
Rigor of Secondary School Record	X			
Academic GPA	X			
Standardized Tests			X	
Class Rank			X	
Recommendations	X			
Essay	X			
Interview	X			
Level of Applicant's Interest				X
Extracurricular Activities			X	
Volunteer Work			X	
Particular Talent/Ability	X			
Character/Personal Qualities	X			
First Generation to Attend College				X
State Residency				X
Geographic Residence				X
Relation with Alumnus				X
Religious Affiliation/Commitment				X
Ethnicity				X
Work Experience			X	

Profile of Fall Admission

Overall Admission Rate	57% of 1,465 applicants were admitted
Women	59% of 935 applicants were admitted
Men	52% of 530 applicants were admitted
Students Enrolled	242 (29%) of 829 admitted students enrolled
Women	169 (31%) of 552 admitted students enrolled
Men	73 (26%) of 277 admitted students enrolled
Early Decision Admission Rate	53% of 90 applicants were admitted
Early Action Admission Rate	69% of 408 applicants were admitted
Students Offered Wait List	
Students Accepting Wait List Position	
Students Admitted From Wait List	

Grade Point Average of Enrolled Freshmen (4.0 scale)

Average GPA	Not reported
3.75 and Above	Not reported
3.50 - 3.74	Not reported
3.25 - 3.49	Not reported
3.00 - 3.24	Not reported
2.50 - 2.99	Not reported
2.00 - 2.49	Not reported

SAT Scores of Enrolled Freshmen

SAT Math	Not reported
Score of 700 - 800	Not reported
Score of 600 - 700	Not reported
Score of 500 - 600	Not reported
Score of 400 - 500	Not reported
Score of 300 - 400	Not reported
Score of 200 - 300	Not reported
SAT EBRW	Not reported
Score of 700 - 800	Not reported
Score of 600 - 700	Not reported
Score of 500 - 600	Not reported
Score of 400 - 500	Not reported
Score of 300 - 400	Not reported
Score of 200 - 300	Not reported

ACT Scores of Enrolled Freshmen

ACT Composite	26-31 range of middle 50%
Score of 30 - 36	41%
Score of 24 - 29	41%
Score of 18 - 23	18%
Score of 12 - 17	0%
Score of 6 - 11	0%
Score of 5 or Below	0%

Other Qualifications of Enrolled Freshmen

High School Class Rank	
National Merit Scholar	Not reported
Valedictorian	Not reported
Class President	Not reported
Student Government Officer	Not reported



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