

Maine Central Institute

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Maine Central Institute is an independent college preparatory day and boarding school founded in 1866 by Free Will Baptists, Maine Central Institute (MCI) retains the inventive spirit and philosophy of its founders but no longer has a formal affiliation with the church. During the school's pioneer years, MCI served as a feeder school to highly rated Bates College in nearby Lewiston, Maine.

Although adhering to upstanding and traditional educational values, MCI is progressive and broadminded, pledging to provide a comprehensive college-preparatory education to a multicultural student body diverse in talents, abilities, and interests.

In a safe and caring atmosphere, students will acquire knowledge, self-esteem, social responsibility, and the critical thinking and communication skills necessary for global citizenship and lifelong learning. A high level of rigor and expectation of excellence in all components of the school's operation is critical, whether that be the academic program, the residential program, the co-curricular activities or the overall support system at the school. The people at MCI work diligently to focus on each student as an individual to ensure that every person grows academically, socially and physically and becomes a positive global citizen.

Maine Central Institute is located in a safe and scenic New England town approximately 40 minutes from Augusta (Capital City) and 3 hours from Boston, Massachusetts and Logan International Airport.

Pittsfield is a friendly, close-knit community which is nestled in between the Atlantic Ocean and the mountains of western Maine. It provides prime opportunities for hiking, skiing, biking, fishing, swimming, skating, and snowmobiling. The campus is within walking distance of local eateries, library, regional airport, recreational parks, shopping, hiking trails, and a movie theater. Students are involved with many community and volunteer causes throughout the year.

Accreditation

New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), Membership with Maine Association of Independent Schools (MAIS), National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), Independent School Association of Northern New England (ISANNE), The Association of Boarding Schools (TABS) and the College Board.

Academic Facilities

There are 17 buildings housed on the 23-acre campus. Visitors are greeted upon entrance with the stoic simplicity of the campus with its brick-front buildings and the historic bell tower of Founder's Hall.

The Math and Science Center is a 23,000-square-foot recent addition to MCI, including fifteen instructional spaces, two computer classrooms which provide students with AP Computer Science courses and on campus SAT exams. A new media room which includes a Green Screen and new filming equipment provides a place for the students in our filming courses & clubs. Maine Central Institute also has an art studio, ballet studios, and a nearby greenhouse.

MCI adopted a one-to-one iPad program in 2013, providing every student with an iPad for use at school and at home. Students can access Wi-Fi throughout campus and in the dormitories. Students have access to the Powell Memorial Library on campus.

Athletic Facilities

Maine Central Institute's sports facilities include two gymnasiums with modern basketball courts and weightlifting equipment, football, soccer, field hockey, lacrosse, softball, and baseball

fields, golf course, an outdoor track, a rifle range and 4 tennis courts. Nearby ski facilities are used for skiing competitions. An indoor track, swimming and diving pool are all located within a short driving distance from campus.

Boarding and General Facilities

Boarding students reside in 3 single-sex residence halls on campus, supervised by resident faculty and staff members. Each dormitory is outfitted with Wi-Fi, kitchenettes, washing machines, dryers, modern bathrooms, and a lounge area with a big screen TV. Rooms include a bed, desk, wardrobe, dresser, bookshelf, and chair for each student. Students may have small refrigerators, TVs, stereos, irons and personal computers in their rooms. The residential hall lounges are common areas for all boarding students and their guests to enjoy.

The Trustee Memorial Student Center is home to the dining hall, student lounge, and garden sitting area, including a performance stage, food court, garden benches, and game room.

Weymouth Hall houses the ESL Center, the Wellness Center, and our JMG program.

College Counseling Program

A guidance team of 2 professional and experienced college & career counselors are available to students. Counselors are responsible for helping students with post-secondary placement and academic program planning. Students receive one-on-one guidance from their counselor over the course of their four years. Counselors help students with finding colleges or universities that best meet students' interests, while guiding them through each step of the application process. This guidance is provided to all students and is included in the cost of tuition. College Counselors also organize college fairs each year on campus, as well as provide opportunities to travel to college campuses to attend other fairs. Approximately 90 college and university admission representatives visit Maine Central Institute's campus annually. During these visits, students, both international and domestic, have the opportunity to meet with admission representatives. Our counselors organize college campus tours for our current students in all grades so that they can visit colleges and learn more about programs offered. In addition, counselors organize workshops on financial aid and scholarships for all students and parents.

Maine Central Institute has an international college counselor who specifically helps our international students with finding schools and guides them through the entire college application process. He is also very happy to work with agents & consultants, as both support the post secondary planning of students at MCI.

Preparation for the SAT and ACT is offered within the math and English curricula. Supplemental SAT preparation is offered outside of the school day. Maine Central Institute is a registered SAT

test center; students are able to register and take the SAT multiple times on MCI's campus throughout a year. In partnership with "Let's Get Ready" and highly ranked Colby College, MCI students are offered the opportunity to take SAT preparation courses on Colby's beautiful college campus.

Manson Essay Program (since Late 1800's)

Manson (pre-College level) Essay Program & Presentation: University Thesis project and report. 5-10 finalists will be selected to present for the community, with one being named the Manson Essay Winner. The Manson Essay is a distinguished junior essay requirement originating in the late 1800's. Juniors spend months researching and writing on a topic of their choice, ending the assignment with an oral presentation of their essay in front of peers.

The Senior Project

The senior project is a capstone assessment, integrating students' mastery of communication skills, research techniques, public speaking conventions, and organization for independent, self-directed learning. Students devote five weeks to their chosen learning objectives, and then present their knowledge and product to peers, family, and community members.

Bossov Ballet Theater

Bossov Ballet Theatre offers MCI students a unique opportunity to study classical ballet as part of the academic curriculum. Ballet classes are taught by Natalya Nikolaevna Getman, a former dancer with the Moscow Ballet. The program allows students to earn full academic credit for ballet training. Students who complete the program are uniquely positioned either to matriculate to an outstanding college or join a professional ballet company.

Academic Support Program (Peer Tutor, Writing Center, Math Tutor and ESL support)

Our faculty and students volunteers assist international and domestic students on how to use all the resources available to them, while also helping them to understand how to prepare for college applications, and standardized testing. The Academic Office is responsible for providing peer tutoring opportunities across the subject areas. The Writing Center is available to students when English may not be their first language. This has become a mandatory part of their schedule as they develop their English language abilities.. ESL supports are available during the Writing Center, after school and in the evening.

Flight School (Aviation Program)

MCI is excited to partner with Central Maine Aviation and Curtis Air at the Pittsfield Municipal Airport to help our students access the exciting world of aviation.

Working with an MCI teacher-guide, students earn a science credit upon completion of the course. In the second semester, students enroll in a course offered by the **University of Maine at Augusta** (UMA), where they earn a physics credit from MCI as well as three college credit hours from UMA.

Upon completion of this course, students who are at least 16 years of age have the option to begin flight training at the Pittsfield Municipal Airport, which is close to the MCI campus. Students in grade 11 can begin training during the summer or they can complete this course in the first term of grade 12. Students who do not wish to participate in flight training can continue their studies with a semester course from Aerorscholars.com during their grade 12 year.

Estimated Start Date: Late August

Estimated End Date: Mid June

Number of Students: 390 (15% international)

Grades: 9-12, PG

Teacher/Student Ratio: 1:9

Teachers with Advanced Degrees: 65%

ESL Programs: Yes

AP Classes: 12

SAT Average (last year): 1264

Tests Accepted: TOEFL, TOEFL Jr, IELTS, SSAT, SLEP

School Uniform: Dress code

Year Established: 1866

Campus Size: 23 acres

Boarding: Yes (3 dorms)

Countries Represented: 18+ countries including:, Brazil, Canada, Czech Republic, China, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Georgia, Hungary, Japan, Macau, Russia, Rwandese Republic, Serbia, South Korea, Spain, Thailand, United States, and Vietnam.

Foreign Languages Offered: French and Spanish

Arts: Over 20 courses in music, dance, theater, visual and digital media arts.

Bossov Ballet Theater (pre-professional Ballet), Art and Design Fundamentals, Studio Foundations I & II, 3D Design, Ceramics, Drama, Introduction to Theatre, Technical Theatre-Stagecraft, Theatre Arts, Festival Theatre Ensemble, Concert Band, Concert Choir, Piano,

Instrumental Jazz Ensemble, Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Guitar, Music in Society, Contemporary A Capella, Painting, Art Survey, Sculpture, Digital Music Production, Stage & TV Make-up, Social Theater, Intro to Costume

AP Courses:

AP English Language and Composition, AP English Literature and Composition, AP Calculus AB/BC, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP United States History, AP Computer Science A, AP Computer Science Principles, AP Physics I, AP Environmental Science.

Also, online Advanced Placement courses are available through AP4ME and EdOptions Academy. Courses include AP American Government and Politics, AP Music Theory, AP Psychology, AP Statistics, AP French, and AP Spanish.

Honors Courses:

English/ History I Honors, English/ History II Honors, English

Dual Credit Courses:

Sociology, Psychology, Anatomy, Physiology

Concurrent and Early College Courses

Concurrent and early college courses are 100-level courses for which juniors and seniors may receive high school and college credit hours. MCI partners with the University of Maine system, Kennebec Valley Community College, and Colby College. Course availability is determined by the college or university. Classes begin each semester.

Some courses are available on MCI's campus and are taught by MCI faculty. All concurrent and early college courses are taught by faculty with a master's degree or doctorate in their disciplines.

Each college charges a reduced fee per course, which may range from \$100-250 per credit hour. The fee is paid to the university. Students may register for on-campus, online, or blended college courses. Some benefits to concurrent enrollment is early college exposure and it saves time and money in college.

Transportation is required for university campus-based and blended learning courses. Approval and recommendation required from the Dean of Academics.

Independent Study Online Courses

Additional online options may be available through EdX courses based on the student's academic needs or course study pursuits. Visit edx.org for course listings.

Credit-bearing courses must be classified as Current or Upcoming courses. Students may not use Archived courses for credit. Approval required from the Dean of Academics.

Extracurricular Programs:

Flight School, Aomori Travelers, Art, Chess, Calligraphy, Chinese Club, Creative Writing, Culture Diversity Club, Dorm Counsel, Fencing Club, Kindness Krew, Masardis, Math Team, Model UN, Paper Art Club, Role Playing Game Club, Robotics Team, National Honor Society, Outdoor Adventure Club, Student Leadership Committee, Tennis, Swim Club, Yearbook, Student Ambassadors, French Club, Key Club, Student Counsel, Chess Club, Aviation Club, Coding Club, Competitive Gaming Club, Drama Club, Fantasy Sports Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Gay/Straight Alliance, Generational Connections Club, MCI Youth in Government, Quidditch Club, Ski Club, Speech & Debate Club, Ultimate Frisbee Club, Volleyball Club

Sports Offered:

Fall: Field Hockey, Football, Golf, Soccer, Rifle Team

Winter: Basketball, Rifle Team, Indoor Track & Field, Swimming, Wrestling.

Spring: Baseball, Lacrosse, Rifle Team, Outdoor Track & Field, Softball, and Tennis.

Club Sports offered:

Fencing, Volleyball, Ski Club, ESports

University Acceptance Rate: 98%

Summer Programs

MCI offers a variety of summer program opportunities for students interested in exploring the following:

- Bossov Ballet (6 weeks)
- Summer Experiential & Service Learning (3 weeks)

- Summer STEM Camp (5 weeks)
- Football Camp (1 week)
- Basketball Camp (1 week)
- Summer School- Credit Recovery (3 weeks)
- Transitions Academy (1 week)
- Summer Language Immersion (1 week)
- SAT & TOEFL Prep Camp (2 weeks)