passion

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tradition

Niagara University

Education That Makes a Difference
Niagara University has a long, proud history of academic excellence. Founded in 1856, in the Catholic and Vincentian tradition, Niagara is widely recognized for its high-quality, values-based comprehensive education. In the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul, the patron saint of charities, this is an education grounded in ethics and distinguished by rigor and a professional focus. Here, you’ll study in small classes with nationally and internationally known scholars. You’ll be immersed in real-world learning – from internships to research to study abroad. And, as part of a whole education, you’ll serve and you’ll lead, as you reach out to others within the community and beyond. This is an exceptional education that leads to success, but even more, to meaningful success.

This is an education that makes a difference.
97
Percentage of a recent graduating class that was employed or in graduate school within one year of receiving their diploma.
“At Niagara, you really engage in learning. Here, I’ve been offered hands-on experiences that would not have been possible at other schools. Starting freshman year, I participated in lab work, and I was even able to attend the Eastern Colleges Science Conference (ECSC) during my second semester. Applying what I learn in the classroom has been an incredible experience.”

Kimberly Alexander
Major: Biology/Environmental Studies
Hometown: Lewiston, NY

The College of Arts & Sciences is the oldest and largest undergraduate college at Niagara University. Distinguished by liberal arts learning with a career focus, the college teaches students to think critically, communicate effectively and work ethically – vital skills for success in the new economy. The college offers many majors over a wide variety of disciplines. From biochemistry, international studies and political science, to theatre, nursing and computer information sciences, the programs in this college provide a unique interdisciplinary opportunity to help prepare you for a dynamic job market. In fact, 74 percent of our incoming students (with the exception of nursing majors) graduate with a double major or minor, broadening their knowledge and increasing their career flexibility.

An Expert, Mentoring Faculty
Arts & Sciences professors take a personal approach to student success. They will work closely with you and engage you in preparation of your chosen career. Our faculty are highly approachable and serve as close mentors throughout your undergraduate program. They are nationally recognized scholars and researchers – last year alone, Arts & Sciences faculty members gave more than 100 professional presentations, wrote three books and published over 90 articles in professional journals. And while pursuing outstanding research of their own, they are also strong advocates of collaborative research with students, a fact recently recognized by the Council on Undergraduate Research.

Hands-On Learning
Arts & Sciences students learn by doing. Just under 40 percent conduct and present research with a faculty member, and more than 55 percent complete an internship, co-op or practicum. Many Arts & Sciences students take advantage of Niagara’s numerous study-abroad options – we offer more than 200 study-abroad programs in 30 countries. In addition, all of our students do

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Percentage of our recent arts & sciences graduates who reported being employed or enrolled in graduate school within one year of graduation.

Number of semesters needed to complete our criminal justice program with its five-year B.S./M.S. option, rather than 12 semesters.

Students use the same equipment in Niagara’s science laboratories that they’ll find in graduate school labs and on the job.
Approximately 40 percent of Arts & Sciences students conduct research with a faculty member. More than 50 percent complete an internship, co-op or practicum.

community service, as many courses in the arts and sciences are designed to allow students to put their knowledge into action in the community. Experiences like these lead our graduates to great jobs as well as acceptance into the nation’s leading graduate schools. From biology to psychology, criminal justice to communication studies, you’ll gain real-life experience in the programs in the College of Arts & Sciences.

High-Level Research
Arts & Sciences students regularly collaborate on research projects with Niagara faculty. These undergraduate research projects are supported by state, federal and foundation grants as well as the university’s Fund for Student Research. Students present their work at Niagara’s Undergraduate Research Conference and at a variety of professional conferences across the nation. In addition, some student research work is published in professional journals – in the last three years, our students’ findings appeared in a variety of research journals, including: Addictive Behaviors; Psychology of Addictive Behaviors, International Journal of Sport and Society; Synthesis; and Letters in Drug Design & Discovery. Undergraduate research provides students great experience – and a significant advantage. Not surprisingly, the students who do research stand out from others when applying to graduate school.

Making Success Possible
Arts & Sciences graduates are very successful at getting into graduate programs and securing jobs. In a recent graduating class, 96 percent of our Arts & Sciences majors were employed or enrolled in graduate school within one year of graduation. Nearly one-third attended graduate or professional school. Our graduates have continued their studies at prestigious institutions such as Boston University, Columbia University, Cornell, Penn State, Ohio State, University of Rochester, University of Virginia, and many others.

Nearly one-third of Arts & Sciences majors attend graduate school or professional school within one year of graduation.
The College of Business Administration is accredited by The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International), a distinction achieved by less than five percent of the world’s business schools. Small and prestigious, the College of Business makes possible a more personalized business education, where students and faculty work closely together on a daily basis. Our students engage in a project-based model of business education that gives them extensive experience – equivalent to the work of a consultant. Other real-world learning opportunities include research, internships and study-abroad programs, as well as class projects with local businesses and nonprofits. It is a professional, hands-on business program that takes learning beyond concepts and into practice.

A Professional Facility
The home of the College of Business Administration is in the state-of-the-art Bisgrove Hall. This first-class business facility features the most current business technology, including a financial services lab and trading room that will make you feel like you’re taking classes on Wall Street; smart classrooms; the latest systems, software and hardware; and every tool necessary to help you land a job quickly and hit the ground running. Our impressive facility is a past recipient of Business First’s Brick by Brick Award for “Best Education Project” in Western New York.

An Experienced Faculty
Niagara business students receive a relevant, real-world education, because they study with scholar-practitioners who bring significant business experience to their classrooms. In fact, on average, our faculty have at least 12 years of professional experience. Professor John Overbeck spent more than 30 years with IBM, retiring as a vice president for marketing. Professor Ed Hutton worked over 25 years in the investment management industry. Professor Christopher Aquino worked in the financial industry for more than 20 years, complet-
The College of Business Administration is accredited by AACSB International, a distinction achieved by less than five percent of the world’s business schools.

The ability to transform business theory into real-world practice is a hallmark of the College of Business Administration. Our faculty is dedicated to ensuring that students are exposed to the latest developments and trends in the field, equipping them with the skills necessary to succeed in today’s dynamic business environment.

The faculty is known for their commitment to research and innovation. They are active contributors to the academic community, publishing in highly regarded journals and presenting at national and international conferences. Their research has been featured in publications such as the Academy of Management Journal, Management Science, and the Journal of Marketing.

A Scholarly Faculty
Niagara’s business faculty also bring impressive scholarly credentials to their teaching. They are actively engaged in research that expands the boundaries of their disciplines and enhances the learning of their students. Our business professors publish in highly respected research journals and present at national and international professional conferences. Their research has appeared in publications such as the Academy of Information and Management Sciences Journal (AIDS), American Journal of Business Education, Journal of Marketing, Journal of Business Ethics, Journal of Services Marketing, Journal of International Finance and Economics, and Journal of Management.

Real-World Experience
Niagara business students have many opportunities to gain real-world experience. Our students actively engage in hands-on courses such as our Monteagle Fund Investment course and the Fed Challenge, a business team competition. Approximately half of our business students participate in internships. Our students also study abroad in countries such as China, the United Kingdom, Germany, Australia, and Japan.

Our graduates are highly sought after by business organizations and graduate schools across the region and the nation. Below is just a sampling:

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M&T
PRAXAIR, INC.
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY
UBS
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Success Ahead
According to a recent survey, 97 percent of our business majors were employed or attending graduate school within one year of graduation with 92 percent reporting that they were employed within their chosen field or a closely related field. Our majors are highly sought after by business organizations and graduate schools across the region and the nation. Below is just a sampling:

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Within five years, students can earn a BBA degree and a MBA degree in our 4+1 accounting program.

Students gain professional experience while giving back to the community. For example, accounting majors help prepare taxes for local elderly and low-income citizens.
“At Niagara, I’ve been able to get hands-on experience in the classroom since day one. I am a junior and already going into my fifth placement in a classroom. By the time I graduate, I will already have developed numerous relationships with students and teachers in surrounding area schools that will help me for years to come.”

Andrea Nicola
Major: Special Education/English Education Grades 5-12
Hometown: Grand Island, NY

Niagara’s College of Education is dedicated to preparing the highest quality teachers and educational leaders. We are accredited in the U.S. (by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education) and Canada (Ontario College of Teachers). We offer an immersive preparation; you’ll enter classrooms starting freshman year. You’ll be exposed to a diversity of grade levels, learning styles and school settings. And, you’ll join other successful graduates who have achieved a nearly perfect pass rate on the New York state teaching certification exams.

**Human Services Programs**
Niagara’s College of Education also offers programs in human service fields where careers and opportunities are far-reaching. Programs in developmental disabilities and early childhood development and cognition provide rich hands-on experience in agency settings. In addition to core courses in these fields of study, the curriculum includes authentic career experience through a variety of internships. Through the College’s strong partnerships with community agencies, students experience placements within various settings and explore careers leading to leadership positions. Niagara is one of the few schools to offer these areas of specialization.

**State-of-the-Art Facilities**
Niagara’s College of Education is housed in the state-of-the-art Academic Complex. The modern building features model pre-K-12 classrooms, cutting-edge instructional technologies, interactive teaching labs, diagnostic observation rooms, and our Family Literacy Center. Also, our Teaching Studio, located in Niagara’s library, is stocked with a variety of teaching materials and technology, giving our teacher candidates every resource to help develop lessons to implement in the classroom and in the schools.

**Comprehensive Clinical Practice.**
Gaining firsthand experience in school settings and agencies, starting freshman year, is a distinct Niagara advantage.

Pass rates for Niagara education majors on the New York State teacher certification exams were 99 percent (LAST) and 100 percent (ATS-W).

Niagara University education majors earn their bachelor’s degrees with a minimum of two teaching certifications in just four years. 200+ With over 200 study abroad programs, our education majors can earn college credit in places such as Thailand, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium, and Spain.
Starting with the first semester, Niagara University’s teacher education majors gain comprehensive, mentored experiences in P-12 schools before their student teaching ever begins.

Well-established partnerships with our local schools and human service agencies result in varied and numerous placements that begin right away. In fact, you’ll gain a minimum of 150 hours of field experience in local schools before your student teaching even begins. You’ll have experiences in various grade levels and student populations, including urban, suburban and rural school settings. Your instructional skills will become highly developed as you progress through your field experiences in preparation for student teaching. When you graduate, you’ll have the knowledge and significant field experience you need to confidently and effectively lead a classroom.

**Experienced Faculty**

Niagara Education faculty are extraordinary – all doctorally prepared and all having worked in schools or agencies. Each day, you’ll learn from these highly qualified and experienced faculty who stay current with today’s teaching methods and challenges by remaining active in local schools and in the community.

**Student Success**

Niagara education majors’ pass rates on the New York State teacher certification exams were 99 percent (LAST), 100 percent (ATS-W) and 100 percent (students with disabilities). With these types of results, it is no wonder that Niagara education graduates are highly sought after locally, regionally, and nationally. In a recent survey, 96 percent of the graduates reported that they were employed or enrolled in graduate school within one year of graduation.

$1.53M

Funds awarded to Niagara University to improve services, care and kindergarten readiness to children under the age of five.
“My program has helped me obtain hands-on internships at the best clubs in America. After my freshman year, I worked as the front office operations intern at Farmington Country Club in Charlottesville, Va. The next summer, I served as the food and beverage intern at The Maidstone Club in the Hamptons. This past summer, I worked in the nation’s capital as the assistant to the chief financial officer at the Metropolitan Club. These experiences have prepared me well for success.”

Marc Skill  
Major: Hotel & Restaurant Management  
Hometown: Dayton, Ohio

Niagara’s College of Hospitality & Tourism Management is ranked as one of the top hospitality programs in the country. Ours is a proud tradition: We offered the world’s first bachelor’s degree in tourism. We were the seventh hospitality and tourism program in the country to be accredited. We were the fourth to achieve college status. And, our college is a founding member of The Leading Hotel Schools of the World, which is now known as Hotels Schools of Distinction, a global network of hospitality programs. At Niagara, you’ll find the quality education, prestigious connections and hands-on experiences you need to succeed in today’s fast-changing hospitality and tourism industry.

Practical Experience  
Practical learning opportunities distinguish our college’s education as we integrate theory with practice. Students in our college must complete 800 hours of practical industry experience in order to graduate — and the opportunities for real world learning are unmatched. More than 80 industry leaders speak in our classrooms annually. We organize 12 major industry excursions each year. We offer work abroad programs in leading hotels around the world. We enjoy partnerships with industry leaders such as Carlson, the Rosewood Hotels and Norwegian Cruise Lines. We sponsor an annual sport management conference. And this is just a short list of the numerous opportunities for hands-on, practical learning experiences enjoyed by students majoring in one of the programs offered by the College of Hospitality & Tourism Management.

Hotel & Restaurant Management  
Hotel and restaurant industry recruiters stress the need for graduates to possess both theoretical and practical skills and experiences, and our worldwide leading program delivers. Our students work abroad with five-star hotels in Lake Como, Italy and Cusco, Peru. Student consulting teams analyze actual projects at the world-renowned Waldorf Astoria. Each year, our students shadow and network with managers at the luxury Park Hyatt Toronto, rated among Canada’s top 10 hotels. Our students also

Our student chapter of the Club Managers Association of America has been ranked the number one student chapter in the country for the last five years.

Hotel and restaurant management majors may participate in a work-abroad program at Italy’s Villa d’Este, which has been ranked the number one luxury hotel in the world.
Our sport management majors worked recently at the Super Bowl, NCAA Final Four, Major League Baseball spring training and more.

Students, in four years, can obtain a second bachelor’s degree in international hospitality or international tourism from our partner school in Bad Honnef, Germany, after one-year abroad.

Approximately 50 major companies – the highest quality employers in the industry – attend our annual career fair to hire our students for summer jobs, internships, and full-time jobs.

attend the National Restaurant Association Show in Chicago, the biggest show of its type in the world. It’s a hands-on education that serves our graduates well: We consistently have a 100 per cent placement rate for hotel and restaurant management students.

Sport Management
Sport management students gain a thorough understanding of the sport management profession through a business-based core curriculum, a concentration of specialized sport management courses and a wide range of practical experiences. Sport management majors have worked on events at the Super Bowl, the Women’s Final Four NCAA basketball tournament, and Major League Baseball spring training camps. They intern regularly with professional teams such as Buffalo’s Bills, Bisons and Sabres, with our on-campus Division I sport teams, and participate in major sporting events such as the World Junior Hockey Championship and the NCAA Tournament.

Tourism & Recreation
Our tourism and recreation management degree program prepares students for management careers in the tourism and recreation fields. In addition to core courses in tourism and recreation, the curriculum includes a strong foundation in business management with an emphasis on the practical skills needed to manage and lead in the tourism and leisure industries. Practical experiences are a key component of the program. Tourism students can take a course in cruise line management that enables them to experience an actual cruise. They can also get hands-on experience through a variety of internships and work opportunities – from theme parks, to sports and entertainment venues, to tourism promotion agencies.

Outstanding Placement
Equipped with a thorough knowledge and lots of practical industry experience, College of Hospitality and Tourism Management graduates are highly sought after. Our graduates continue to maintain a 100 per cent placement rate, with 95 percent working in the major.

Success Ahead
Our graduates are ready to hit the ground running, working at leading companies such as:

• AMERICAN CRUISE LINES
• BUFFALO BILLS
• CHEVY CHASE CLUB
• DELAWARE NORTH COMPANIES
• GREENSBORO COLISEUM
• HYATT HOTELS
• PGA NATIONAL GOLF RESORT
• ROLLING ROCK CLUB
• SYRACUSE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU
• TAMPA BAY LIGHTENING
• WALDORF-ASTORIA

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“AEP allows you to explore all sorts of career and academic possibilities. My AEP advisor genuinely cared about my needs and worked closely with me to help narrow down my interests. Ultimately, I decided to enter into the communications department. I will always be appreciative of the advice and attention I received from the AEP program and my advisor.”

Shamone Jackson
Major: AEP/Communication Studies
Niagara Falls, NY

Niagara’s Academic Exploration Program (AEP) supports students who are still deciding on a major, helping them to find the area of study that best fits them. Being unsure of a major is common: Nation wide, two-thirds of college students change their academic major at least once. Through our AEP, you’ll be able to embark on a personalized and systematic exploration that affirms your talents and allows you to sample the rich variety of academic life available at Niagara University. All Academic Exploration Program students receive guidance and support from a professionally trained academic advisor. With your academic advisor, you’ll be able to select class schedules that allow you to try our various majors. As an AEP student, you can declare your desired major any time during your first four semesters.

Personal Advisors
You’ll meet with your advisor as often as necessary, but at least three times each semester. During these appointments, you and your advisor will explore your strengths, passions and any volunteer and work experiences. As part of your discovery process, you’ll use a questionnaire and computer inventory that helps to assess your interests, abilities and values and suggest potential career areas. You’ll review with your advisor all your potential majors and minors, and together you’ll select courses that allow you to research those areas of interest while fulfilling university requirements, so you won’t lose valuable time or credits.

Hands-On Exploration
You’ll also have the opportunity to interview university professors and career professionals to help you decide on a career path that best suits your talents, interests and goals. In addition, you may participate in campus career

With the help of your advisor, you will begin to narrow down your interests and move towards a major and a career path that is right for you.
The Academic Exploration Program (AEP) supports students who are still deciding or not quite ready to commit to an academic major.

As you progress through AEP, you’ll start to get a feel for the day-to-day work in your careers of interest. You’ll research the specifics of various careers via a special section of our website. You’ll work with your advisor and Niagara’s Learn & Serve and Career Services offices to find volunteer opportunities, internships and summer jobs.

You’ll attend career fairs to learn about companies in your intended field. And, you’ll better understand the real world of your major with continuing conversations with professors as well as professionals who work in those fields.

Percentage of college students nationwide that change their academic major at least once. AEP helps you choose the right major, the first time.
Catholic Tradition
Niagara is a private, Catholic, comprehensive university founded in 1856, the oldest of three Vincentian universities in the United States; the others are St. John’s University and DePaul University. In the proud Catholic and Vincentian tradition, we offer a faith-based education distinguished by academic excellence and a focus on service to others.

Liberal Arts Core
Our liberal arts core, in conjunction with your academic major, will start you on the path of lifelong learning. The liberal arts will teach you how to think critically, speak and write clearly, work with diverse groups, and examine and develop the values and ethical standards that will define your life and career.

Academic Strengths
Niagara University offers a high-quality liberal arts education with a professional focus. This is an academic experience marked by rigor, exceptional teaching and practical, real-world learning. Niagara faculty are leaders in their fields, and serve as expert, caring mentors in guiding students to academic and professional success. Whatever your academic interest, you’ll be able to pursue it at Niagara – we offer more than 80 majors, over 55 minors, six preprofessional options and several combined master’s programs that will challenge you and engage you at the highest level.

Service Learning
Service activities are built into course curricula at Niagara to help students experience how concepts they are learning in the classroom can be applied to the actual needs of a community. More than 70 courses have a service-learning requirement, and education majors routinely log thousands of hours of volunteer teaching in local schools. With their service experiences, Niagara graduates leave as complete individuals, making them distinctive and attractive to future employers.

Faculty
All classes at Niagara are taught by university professors. Our faculty are teachers first, serving as close, caring mentors and advisors to students throughout their academic program and beyond. Ninety-four percent of Niagara faculty members have earned the highest degrees in their fields, and our professors are regularly published in research and professional journals. Even more importantly, they are committed to teaching and helping each student realize his or her academic and career potential.

Practical Experience
Opportunities for experiential learning abound in every major at Niagara, giving our students an invaluable practical perspective as they learn by doing. From collaborative projects to internships, from service learning to study abroad, you’ll be immersed in practical learning, as you take what you learn in the classroom and apply it in real-world settings.

Undergraduate Research
Niagara students collaborate with their professors in a variety of research projects – from studies of antibacterial surfaces, to investigations into housing discrimination, to genetic exploration, tracking and research of the local salamander population. Niagara undergraduates have the opportunity to pursue research early on in their studies and participate in multiple research projects during their four years. By the time our students graduate, it’s not unusual that they might have coauthored and published research papers with a professor. Undergradu-
ate research offers tremendous benefits, setting students apart as they prepare to enter graduate schools and careers.

Study Abroad
Study abroad is relevant and meaningful for students in any academic discipline. Niagara students can spend a semester, summer session or winter session abroad, choosing from more than 200 study-abroad programs in more than 30 countries. Studying abroad offers the unique opportunity to experience different cultures and understand academic topics from an international perspective, while learning more about yourself in the process. The experience also opens doors for graduate school and exciting career opportunities.

Career Success
In a recent survey of Niagara graduates, 97 percent were employed or enrolled in graduate school within one year of graduation. Our graduates become productive in the world and for the world, bringing excellence to their careers as well as to their families, churches and communities. They become successful, but, even more, they become fulfilled. Their jobs matter, because their education mattered.

The Short List
- **COMMUNITY SERVICE** During the past academic year, Niagara students provided more than 1,000 hours of community service each week.
- **NAMED TO** the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll every year since its inception in 2006.
- **CAREER SERVICES** are integrated into the student experience, with over 100 classroom presentations given each year.
- **THE NIAGARA NETWORK** 32,000 Niagara alumni are available to you for career advice or a possible connection to a job.
- **ACCORDING TO** The National Center for Education Statistics, the four-year graduation rate for full-time students at Niagara is higher than any other public or private college or university in Western New York.

Percentage of Niagara professors who have earned the highest degrees in their fields.
Niagara at a Glance

STATUS
Niagara University is a private, comprehensive, Catholic university founded in 1856 by the Vincentian community.

LOCATION
Niagara University is located in suburban Lewiston, N.Y., four minutes from Niagara Falls, 20 minutes from Buffalo and 90 minutes from Rochester and Toronto.

ENROLLMENT
3,200 undergraduates and more than 825 graduate students studying on campus and worldwide.

ACADEMICS
More than 80 majors, over 55 minors, six preprofessional options and several five-year combined master’s programs.

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE
Approximately 20

STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO
12:1

FACULTY
94 percent of Niagara professors have earned the highest degree in their fields.

STUDENT LIFE
100-plus student clubs and organizations, including honor societies. In addition, the Kiernan Recreation Center offers a wide variety of recreational and health/wellness programs.

ATHLETICS
Eight men’s and 10 women’s NCAA Division I teams compete in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference and the Atlantic Hockey Association. We also offer very active club and intramural sports programs.

VETERANS
Designated as a “Military Friendly School” by G.I. Jobs magazine, Niagara ranks in the top 15 percent of schools nationwide doing the most to embrace America’s veterans and their families.

STUDENT HOUSING
On-campus housing is available for all four years in traditional residence halls, village housing or student apartment complexes.

ALUMNI
Niagara University’s approximately 32,000 alumni have assumed positions in virtually every career area.

FINANCIAL AID
98 percent of our incoming freshmen and transfers receive financial aid.

INVESTING IN EXCELLENCE
Niagara has invested $80 million in student scholarships, new facilities and innovative academic programs since 2007. The B. Thomas Golisano Center for Integrated Sciences, which opened in the fall semester of 2013, and the Elizabeth Ann Clune Center for Theatre are just two examples.

Niagara University encourages all men and women whose aptitude and demonstrated achievement in high school or college give evidence of their ability to successfully complete the various programs to apply for admission. Consistent with our Catholic and Vincentian mission, Niagara University welcomes all students, regardless of age, race, creed, color, national origin, sexual orientation, military status, sex, disability, predisposing genetic characteristics, or marital status.