



HILLSDALE COLLEGE

PURSuing TRUTH · DEFENDING LIBERTY SINCE 1844

hillsdale.edu

33 East College Street | Hillsdale, Michigan | 49242 | (517) 437-7341

MISSION STATEMENT

Hillsdale College is an independent, nonsectarian institution of higher learning founded in 1844 by men and women “grateful to God for the inestimable blessings” resulting from civil and religious liberty and “believing that the diffusion of learning is essential to the perpetuity of these blessings.” It pursues the stated object of the founders: “to furnish all persons who wish, irrespective of nation, color, or sex, a literary and scientific education” outstanding among American colleges “and to combine with this such moral and social instruction as will best develop the minds and improve the hearts of its pupils.”

The College considers itself a trustee of modern man’s intellectual and spiritual inheritance from the Judeo-Christian faith and Greco-Roman culture, a heritage finding its clearest expression in the American experiment of self-government under law.

By training the young in the liberal arts, Hillsdale College prepares students to become leaders worthy of that legacy. By encouraging the scholarship of its faculty, it contributes to the preservation of that legacy for future generations. By publicly defending that legacy, it enlists the aid of other friends of free civilization and thus secures the conditions of its own survival and independence.

IDENTITY

Hillsdale is a selective, coeducational college of liberal arts for approximately 1,400 students. Fully accredited, it graduates students with the degree of Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science and prepares them for graduate study, for professional schools, for teaching and for many vocational and cultural pursuits.

Hillsdale’s founders opened the doors to all, regardless of race or religion, in 1844. It was the first college in Michigan, and the second in the United States, to admit women on par with men. Its cosmopolitan student body is assembled from homes in 47 states and 8 foreign countries.

AIMS

Hillsdale College maintains its defense of the traditional liberal arts curriculum, convinced that it is the best preparation for meeting the challenges of modern life and that it offers to all people of all backgrounds not only an important body of knowledge, but also timeless truths about the human condition. The liberal arts are dedicated to stimulating students’ intellectual curiosity, to encouraging the critical, well-disciplined mind, and to fostering personal growth through academic challenge. They are a window on the past and a gateway to the future.

The College values the merit of each unique individual, rather than succumbing to the dehumanizing, discriminatory trend of so called “social justice” and “multicultural diversity,” which judges individuals not as individuals, but as members of a group and which pits one group against other competing groups in divisive power struggles.

ABOUT HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Founded in southern Michigan in 1844, Hillsdale College is an independent, coeducational, residential liberal arts college with a student body of about 1,460. Hillsdale's educational mission rests upon two principles: academic excellence and institutional independence. The College does not accept federal or state taxpayer subsidies for any of its operations. Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, its four-year curriculum leads to a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree. Its student-to-faculty ratio of 10:1, rigorous academics, varsity and intramural sports, fraternities and sororities, and community volunteerism nurture intellectual, physical, social, and personal growth. Opportunities that encourage a broad perspective include off-campus internships, overseas study, and educational programs sponsored by the Center for Constructive Alternatives (CCA), Mises Lectures in free market economics, National Leadership Seminars, the Hoogland Center for Teacher Excellence, and Imprimis, its national speech digest that reaches over 3 million readers each month. The College also offers educational programs and advanced study through the Allan P. Kirby, Jr. Center for Constitutional Studies and Citizenship in Washington, D.C., and the Van Andel Graduate School of Statesmanship that offers an M.A. and Ph.D. in Politics.

COLLEGE PROFILE

Founded: 1844

Location: Hillsdale, Michigan

Type of college: Four-year, independent, liberal arts, coeducational, residential, non-sectarian

Size of campus: 400 acres, 51 buildings

Housing: Thirteen single-sex residence halls and six Greek houses

Enrollment: 1,451 full-time students, 48% male, 52% female

Geographic Representation: 35% from Michigan, 65% representing 47 other states and nine foreign countries

Academic Year: Two semesters, late August to mid-December and mid-January to mid-May

Degrees Offered: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, MA in Politics, PhD in Politics

Faculty: 135 full-time, 49 adjunct; 88% hold highest degree in their disciplines

Student-Faculty Ratio: 10:1

Average Class Size: 15 (excludes Center for Constructive Alternatives, music lessons, thesis, choir, orchestra, and independent studies)

Freshman Retention: 93.5%

Graduation Rate: 76%

Placement: 97% of graduates are employed or attending graduate school within six months of graduation

Majors Offered: Accounting, Applied Mathematics, Art, Biochemistry, Biology, Chemistry, Classics, Economics, English, Exercise Science, Financial Management, French, German, Greek, History, Latin, Marketing Management, Mathematics, Music, Philosophy, Physical Education, Physics, Politics, Psychology, Religion, Spanish, Speech, Sport Management, Sport Psychology, and Theatre (Art History, Classical Education, Dance, Early Childhood Education, General Business, Graphic Design, and Journalism are offered as minors only)

Interdisciplinary Majors: American Studies, Christian Studies, Comparative Literature, European Studies, International Studies in Business and Foreign Language, Political Economy, Sociology and Social Thought

Pre-Professional Programs: Pre-Allied Health Services, Pre-Engineering, Pre-Environmental Sciences, Pre-Law, Pre-Medicine, Pre-Ministerial, Pre-Veterinary Medicine

Off-Campus Study Programs: Washington-Hillsdale Internship Program in Washington, D.C.; Hillsdale College at the University of St. Andrews, Scotland; Hillsdale in Seville, Spain; Hillsdale College in

Córdoba, Argentina; Hillsdale/Oxford program at Keble College, Oxford University; Hillsdale College/Universität des Saarlandes, Saarbrücken, Germany; Hillsdale College Summer School in Würzburg, Germany; Hillsdale College at Regent's College, London

Freshman Profile: Average test scores: 29 ACT, 1976 SAT, 54% in the top 10% of their graduating classes, average incoming GPA of 3.8

Athletics: NCAA Division II Affiliation; Member of GLIAC (Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference)

Varsity Sports, Men: Baseball, Basketball, Cross-Country, Football, Indoor and Outdoor Track

Varsity Sports, Women: Basketball, Cross-Country, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Indoor and Outdoor Track, Volleyball

Popular Student Activities: Academic Honorary Societies, Coffeehouses, College/Community Orchestra, Concert Choir, Debate Club, Hillsdale Christian Fellowship, Intramural Sports, Student Federation, The Collegian (student newspaper), Tower Players (theatre), Young Life

Greek Life–Fraternities: Alpha Tau Omega, Delta Sigma Phi, Delta Tau Delta, Sigma Chi

Greek Life–Sororities: Chi Omega, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pi Beta Phi

Lecture Series/Outreach Programs: Center for Constructive Alternatives, National Leadership Seminars, Mises Lectures in free market economics, Freedom Forum, Hillsdale Hostel, Hometown Lectures, Free Market Forum, and *Imprimis* monthly speech digest

Unique Features: Hillsdale Academy (K-12 private school), Mary Proctor Randall Preschool, Slayton Arboretum, Edward Everett Prize in Oratory, Honors Program, Herbert H. Dow II Chair and Program in American Journalism, 685-acre G.H. Gordon Biological Station (Luther, Michigan)

Scholarship and Financial Aid: Need-based, athletic, fine arts and need-blind academic awards available

CPA Pass Rate: 78%