

EXPERIENCE NEW POSSIBILITIES

Your journey isn't just about course credits — it's about the experiences. Whether you're passionate about complex scientific concepts or literary analysis, neuroscience or sustainability — **we'll help you unlock your best.**



Do More In Four

With our five-course Catalyst curriculum, you can do it all in just four years. Complete multiple majors and minors, participate in research, play sports, hold an internship — you name it. Most importantly, you can build the communication and critical-thinking skills you need to excel in life and in the workplace — starting day one.

Follow Your Curiosity

With our Summer Opportunities for Advanced Research (SOAR) program, you'll work with a faculty mentor to achieve goals designed around your unique research or creative interests. You'll learn to conduct and communicate research like a pro, collaborate with peers in other programs, and lend a hand in your community.

Become a Red Hawk

We'll never tell you what it means to be a Red Hawk — that's for you to decide. Whether you're here to beat your personal best, lead your team to victory, or simply try a new intramural sport, you'll find a community ready to cheer you on. And you'll never have to choose between the sport you love and the other passions that drive you.

VISIT US

We offer a number of ways for students to visit with our admission counselors, faculty and current students. Visit [ripon.edu/visit](https://www.ripon.edu/visit) for more information.

Curriculum

Ripon College's five-course curriculum, Catalyst, rigorously develops the 21st-century skills that employers seek while streamlining the path to graduation. Our students enjoy extensive freedom to pursue their passions and craft their own academic program of study.

Learn more at [ripon.edu/catalyst](https://www.ripon.edu/catalyst).

Academic Support

Ripon College's Franzen Center for Academic Success coordinates student tutoring services and ensures our students have easy access to the resources that will help them succeed. Our Student Support Services program recently received a five-year, \$1.4 million grant to increase the retention and graduation of first-generation students — students who come from families with lower incomes relative to family size — and students with physical or learning disabilities.

Application Data

(first-year students, past four years)

	2019	2020	2021	2022
Applications	2,900	2,614	2,483	2,141
Acceptances	2,016	1,936	1,982	1,741
Deposits	221	242	252	200

Pre-Professional Programs

Ripon College offers special pre-professional programs which place qualified students on a fast track to earn sought after graduate degrees in engineering, law and osteopathic medicine sooner from affiliated colleges and universities.

ROTC

Students who are interested in pursuing a full Army ROTC scholarship are eligible for the ROTC Enhancement Grant of up to \$2,000 for their first year. The introductory military science course is required to be taken in the first year on campus.

Athletics

47 percent of students participate as a member of one of 18 NCAA Division III varsity athletic teams, including:

Baseball (m)	Softball (w)	Indoor Track and Field (m,w)
Basketball (m,w)	Swimming and Diving (m,w)	Outdoor Track and Field (m,w)
Cross Country (m,w)	Tennis (m,w)	Volleyball (w)
Football (m)		
Soccer (m,w)		

In 2023, Ripon added a new on-campus stadium. In 2017, the College completed a \$22-million renovation and addition to our athletics, health and wellness facility, including a state-of-the-art 65,000-square-foot field house.

1851

founded

716

undergraduate students

250

tree-lined acres, including 130 acres of native prairie, oak savanna and wetland habitat.

14:1

student-to-faculty ratio

17

the median class size at Ripon.

80

areas of study. Ripon also has launched a 4+1 Master's Direct-Entry program for Exercise Science.

98%

of students are employed, in graduate school or student teaching within six months of graduating.

77% is our five-year acceptance rate to medical school.

20.4%

Domestic and International Diversity

76%

first-year retention rate

Counselor Reference Guide



RIPON COLLEGE



DISCOVER THE EXTRAORDINARY IN EVERYTHING

2024-2025 Academic Year

FINANCES

Can I Afford Ripon College?

Ripon College is committed to offering a uniquely personalized experience that is within reach of most families. Complete our Net Price Calculator (ripon.edu/admission/calculator), and you will discover that Ripon is more affordable than many similar

private colleges — and, in some cases, large public universities. The total out-of-pocket cost to attend Ripon varies for each student based on individual academic and performance-based achievement and demonstrated financial need.

Undergraduate Costs For The 2024-2025 Academic Year

Tuition.....	\$51,600	Housing (double occupancy).....	\$5,300
Activity Fee.....	\$300	Food (three meal-plan options).....	\$5,500
Total Annual Cost.....		\$62,700	

Undergraduate Scholarships and Financial Aid

Ripon's extensive undergraduate scholarship program is designed to recognize and reward applicants for their talents and abilities.

Our scholarships range from \$25,000 to \$39,000 and are renewable for four years.

Ripon College awards need-based financial aid using information from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). To be considered for financial aid, Ripon encourages all students to file the 2024-25 FAFSA. Priority filing deadline is March 1, 2024. Financial aid packages will start to be sent out in late January 2024.

Filling out the FAFSA

The total out-of-pocket cost to attend Ripon College varies for each student based on individual academic and performance-based achievement and demonstrated financial need. Financial aid can come from federal, state, institutional and private sources. It can be in the form of gift aid (scholarships and grants) or self-help (student employment and low-interest loans). We determine each student's financial aid individually, and you may receive a combination of types of aid depending upon your eligibility. To determine your aid package,

we use information you supply on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The 2024-25 FAFSA form has been delayed until December 2023 because of the FAFSA Simplification Act. It can be filed at studentaid.gov. *Be sure to include the Ripon College federal school code (003884).*

When filing the FAFSA, you must use your full legal name and Social Security number as each appears on your Social Security card. It must be on file with Ripon College for your aid to be disbursed.

APPLYING

REQUIREMENTS

Ripon College encourages applications from those students who are best prepared to benefit from and contribute to both the academic and extracurricular opportunities provided on a liberal arts and sciences residential campus. In evaluating applications, attention is paid to evidence of academic achievement, as indicated both by the distribution of courses taken in secondary school and by performance

*Not all schools have class rankings. These numbers reflect the 176 members of the incoming class from high schools with a class rank system.
**Ripon College is test-optional. 36% of the incoming class reported test scores.

in those courses. Preference normally is given to students who present more than the expected 17 units of college preparatory work. Other factors considered in admission decisions include evidence of significant extracurricular and community service activities. Applicants are encouraged to provide any additional information that they think might be helpful in evaluating their credentials.

A minimum of 17 units of college preparatory work should include:

Mathematics	algebra, geometry and algebra II	Social Studies	3 years
English	4 years	Natural Sciences	3 years

Additional units from the subject areas listed or foreign language

Test-Optional

Students applying to Ripon are encouraged to present application materials that most accurately reflect their diverse academic talents and potential, including: high school transcripts, recommendation letters, writing sample, leadership positions, work history, involvement in school and community activities, and commitment to Ripon's core values. Students may choose to submit

either their ACT or SAT scores if they feel those results best represent their academic potential. The admission committee gives the same consideration for admission and scholarships to students with and without test scores. If choosing to submit test scores: when taking the ACT or SAT, submit your results to Ripon College using *ACT code: 4636 or SAT code: 1664.*

AP/IB & COLLEGE CREDIT

Students receiving a three or higher on most AP exams will receive three or more credits toward graduation at Ripon. Credit and placement are given to students who have passed the IB-North America courses, higher level, with a grade of three or better.

Placement is subject to approval by the appropriate Ripon College academic department. Credit for liberal arts and sciences work at accredited institutions will be awarded for courses in which a C- or better was earned with receipt of official transcripts.

TIMELINE

Our Direct-Entry approach allows students to take classes in their areas of interest the day they arrive on campus.



100% OF RIPON COLLEGE STUDENTS RECEIVE AID.

For further information about the many scholarships offered at Ripon College, visit ripon.edu/scholarships.

ENTRY AT A GLANCE

Average secondary school cumulative **GPA: 3.4**

Incoming students graduated in their high school's*:
Top 10%: 18% | Top 25%: 47% | Top half: 84%

When it comes to test scores and our incoming students** (For students who wanted scores considered):

Average ACT score: 25	Average SAT score: 1140
75% scored above 22	75% scored above 1070
25% scored above 27	25% score above 1200

TO APPLY

Candidates must submit the following:

- Completed application
- Secondary school transcript
- \$30 application fee
(will be waived if you apply by Jan. 15)

Optional:

- Results of ACT or SAT tests
- Secondary school counselor recommendation
- Personal statement
- Interview