

You can feel it in the air. Creative energy, the electricity of self-discovery, the excitement of tangible results. Scientists researching. Painters painting. Writers writing. Social scientists running computer models. Bennington, a private, coeducational liberal arts college, calls that "learning by doing."

Bennington is committed to individual education—unlocking the potentials that exist in each student. We want you to discover more than a body of knowledge and facts. We want you to develop a process of independent thinking—the ability to make decisions and choices for yourself.

The atmosphere of Bennington is rigorous and demanding. We ask you to take the initiative and responsibility for your education. Using our guidelines, you will design your own course of study with the guidance and support of faculty and staff. You will be able to pursue your current interests and be exposed to a vast new world of people and ideas from which to develop new interests and abilities.

Courses at Bennington are designed to give you hands-on experience and to provide a background of tangible accomplishment and competence. Your instructors evaluate your progress and achievements in extensive written comments twice each term.

Bennington is a small college of 600 students. The student-faculty ratio of 9:1 allows for intense working relationships with faculty and an extensive tutorial system for individual student projects outside of scheduled courses.

Faculty members at Bennington College are not only dedicated teachers and advisors, they are active professionals in their fields. This, in conjunction with the Field Work Term program in which students spend two months each year out in the working world, brings the academic and professional worlds closer together. By the time you graduate from Bennington you will have both the education and the experience you need to make your way in a rapidly changing world.

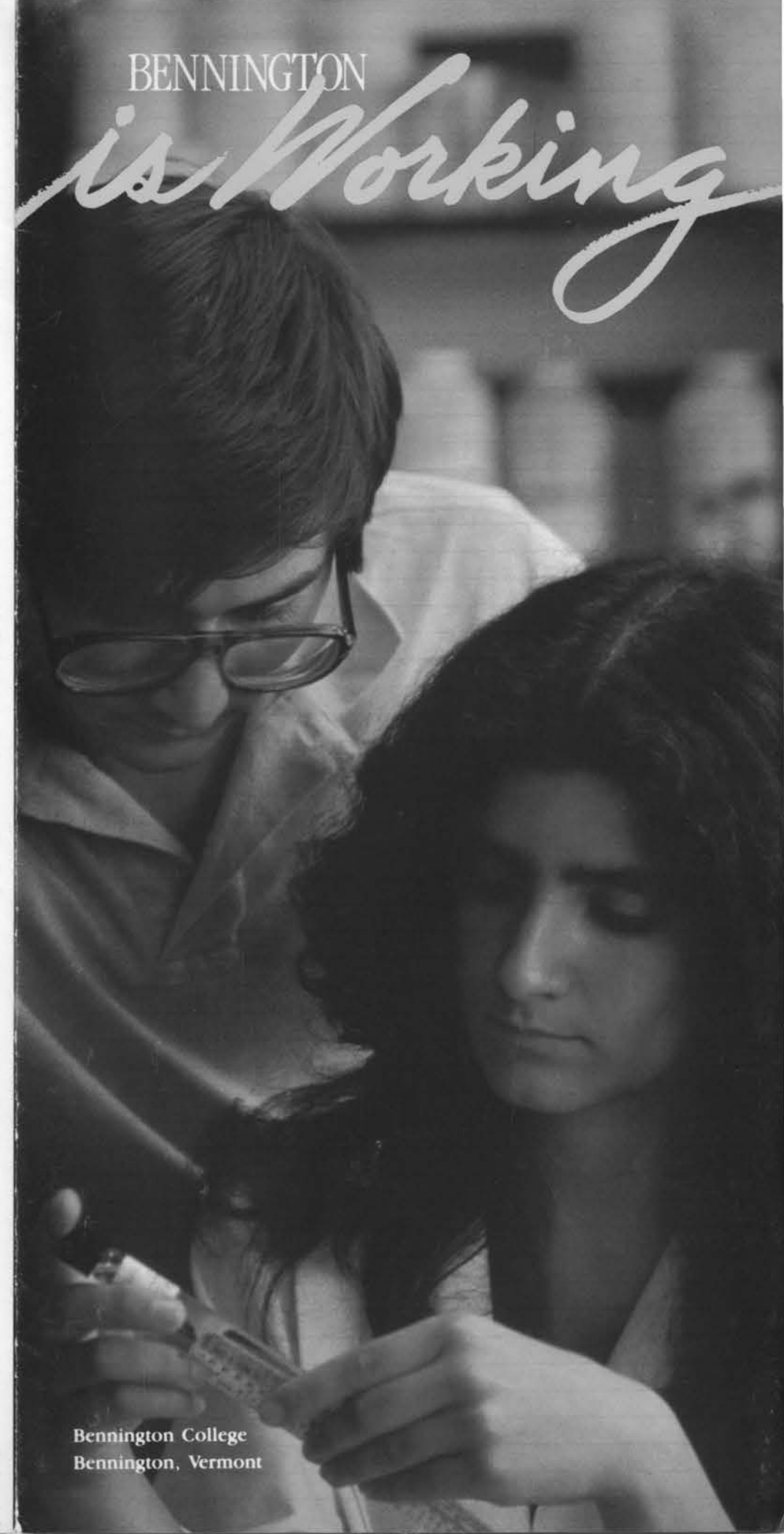
No college can fully educate you in four years. What a Bennington education will do is to instill in you a passion for learning, the ability to make and carry out decisions, the confidence to take risks and to actively pursue a rich, productive professional and personal life.



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Working at Bennington is not an armchair experience. You get an opportunity to become deeply involved in something that you care about—to be a practitioner, not an observer. Science students test their hypotheses with laboratory and field research. Social scientists conduct research and present their findings in papers and theses. Drama students mount productions ranging from one-act plays to major works. Every division places great importance on the industry of doing. The intensity and excitement of energy and accomplishment are all around you. Faculty and students work side by side. It is a challenging education. The standards are high: you are in competition with yourself.

DEGREES

Bennington College offers a four-year liberal arts program leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree with majors in seven divisions. They are: Literature and Languages, Social Sciences, Visual Arts, Music, Natural Science and Mathematics, Drama, and Dance.

We also offer a post-baccalaureate pre-medical and allied health sciences program, a collaborative program with the Bank Street College of Education leading to a Bachelor

of Arts degree from Bennington and a Master of Science degree from Bank Street, and two-year graduate programs in Creative Writing, Dance, Drama, Music, and Visual Arts leading to the Master of Fine Arts degree.

FACULTY AND COUNSELING

The relationship between students and faculty at Bennington is one of mutual respect. The faculty are not only working

professionals in their fields, they are dedicated to teaching. The availability and involvement of faculty as academic counselors, mentors and friends provides solid support and is an integral part of living and working at Bennington.

CURRICULUM

At Bennington, you are expected to include work in at least four of the seven divisions in your first two years. Within these guide-

lines, you develop your own program of study. Your faculty counselor will work closely with you to determine the courses and tutorials that will best expand your interests and challenge your abilities.

Your junior and senior years will be devoted to intensive study in your major area of interest and culminate in an independent senior project or thesis.

Your coursework is evaluated by instructors in extensive written comments at mid- and end of term. These evaluations provide a substantial profile to prospective employers and graduate schools.

STUDY ABROAD

The College offers foreign study programs in London and Paris. Terms in Asia

are offered occasionally and students may present proposals for study in other locations.

CAREER PREPARATION

The Bennington Field Work Term (FWT) takes place each year for eight weeks between fall and spring terms. With assistance from the Office of Student Placement, which maintains listings of over 1,300 jobs, you will have the opportunity to seek and hold a job in your major field of study or another area of your interest. You may opt to spend one FWT working on an independent project.

FWT gives you practical experience and a chance to broaden career

goals and choices. The result is job experience, a resume, contacts and a clear idea of what it takes to participate in the working world. Very often, Bennington seniors graduate with a job waiting for them. Seniors who have elected to continue their studies have a fine record of acceptance to prominent graduate schools.

THE CAMPUS

Bennington College is situated on 500 acres of gently rolling countryside in the foothills of the majestic Green Mountains of southwestern Vermont. In addition to the natural beauty and serenity of our campus, we are only 3 hours from Boston and 4 hours from New York City.

The campus was originally a farm. Some of the buildings were barns and

stables since converted to studios and classrooms. Over the years, there have been a few stunning additions to the architecture and facilities on-campus.

The Elizabeth Harrington Dickinson Science Building and Tishman Lecture Hall house specialized laboratories and equipment, and extensive computer facilities. The Visual and Performing Arts Center contains well-equipped studios, rehearsal halls, galleries, workshops and professional theatres.

The Edward Clark Crossett Library has over 100,000 books, periodicals, microforms and slides and is connected to a national computer network allowing access to over eight million records of books and periodicals held by American libraries.

STUDENT HOUSING

There are fifteen on-campus student residences; all in New England white clapboard with shutters and slate shingles. Each house has rooms for about 30 residents and house rules are set by the residents with guidance from the House Chairpersons and the Office of Student Services.

CAMPUS LIFE

Much of what happens on campus springs from a spontaneous interaction among students and staff. There are, however, a few time-honored traditions: Friday night theme parties, raft races and midnight breakfasts during paper weeks.

The Film Society presents at least two films a

week ranging from the experimental to old favorites. The Café, an on-campus eatery, serves beer and wine and is open every evening.

Athletics on campus include soccer, softball, tennis and informal volleyball, basketball, wrestling and karate. There is also a countryside of unparalleled beauty for hiking, bicycling and winter skiing.

Cultural activities abound at Bennington. The lively and cosmopolitan community of students and faculty produce a constant stream of concerts, plays, readings, lectures and publications. And as in any intellectual community, particularly one relatively close to Boston and New York, there is a steady flow of visiting speakers and guest artists.

ACADEMIC DIVISIONS

Courses vary from year to year, the interests of students and faculty change and grow, but the Bennington approach of "learning by doing" remains constant. In each division, lectures, discussions, conferences and tutorials are combined with an emphasis on individual projects and personal accomplishment.

"Bennington is good at unlocking the recognition that you have what it takes within you, that you can do it."

Field Work Term at
Money Magazine



Literature and Languages:

Creative Writing, Criticism and Historical Analysis, French, German, Spanish.



Stephen Sandy/Faculty, Lit. and Language.

"You get inspired here. The faculty are all working on interesting projects and share them with you."



Social Sciences: Anthropology, Early Childhood Studies, Economics, History, Philosophy, Politics, Pre-law, Psychology.

Joanna Kirkpatrick/Faculty, Social Science



Visual Arts: Architecture, Art History and Criticism, Ceramics, Drawing, Graphics, Painting, Photography, Sculpture.



"At Bennington you learn how to think and express your thoughts."

"We really do get to know our students, not just as people, but as minds."

Music: Composition, Conducting, Electronic Music and Acoustics, Instrument Building, Performance, Voice, Black Music: Aesthetics, Ensemble Training, Improvisation, Keyboard Harmony.

"Students are always finding connections in areas outside their major interest—Science and Music, Literature and Anthropology. That keeps learning fresh."



Natural Science and Mathematics: Biology, Chemistry, Computers, Ecology, Mathematics, Physics, Pre-med.

"All of the equipment and facilities that we have are for undergraduates to use. It's important to jump right in and do."



"It's an exciting time to be involved in computers. I see it as a discipline that everyone needs today."

Drama: Acting, Costuming, Directing, Lighting, Speech, Voice, Set Design, Stagecraft, Audio.

"The students are taken seriously. You get the green light to pursue your interests in-depth."



Margaret Cottam/Alumna, Dance

Dance: Choreography, Costuming, Design, Lighting, Music, Performance, Stagecraft Audio-Video.

Interdivisional: A student's individual interests often fall between areas of study. Interdivisional studies are encouraged and may be pursued through a plan of course-work and tutorials.

BENNINGTON

FEES AND FINANCIAL AID

1987-1988

Tuition and Fees	\$14,850.
Room	1,420.
Board	1,720.
	\$17,990.

The comprehensive tuition includes all courses, laboratories, studios and our extensive program of individual tutorials.

"Within the small faculty there is a great diversity of approaches. That not only exposes you to a lot of things, but forces you to make decisions on your own."



Tom Reitz/Faculty, Biochemistry



Approximately 50% of the entering students receive financial aid in the form of grants, loans and work-study programs. Financial aid for entering students is awarded on the basis of need as determined by the Financial Aid Office and the College Scholarship Service. Any student who is concerned about meeting college costs should apply for financial aid.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Students with experience at other institutions are often especially well equipped to take advantage of the emphasis on self-motivation at Bennington. Twenty percent of our new students each year have transferred from other schools. We encourage you to apply.



"We explore together. Things come up that I never thought of before."



"The teachers really respond to a student who is out to learn."

"FWT is like a stepping stone. You enter the world a little at a time. You can see what it feels like to be a stockbroker or arts administrator."

THE CAMPUS VISIT

Bennington is a unique college. A visit to the campus to sit in on classes and talk with students, teachers and admissions staff is the best way to catch the flavor of campus life.

The Admissions Office is open from 9 am-5 pm on weekdays and 10 am-2 pm on Saturdays. Please call or fill out the enclosed card to let us know when to expect your visit.

"You learn how to think critically, to take action and be productive."



Janis Young/Faculty, Drama



Field Work Term at the Art Directors Club

"The FWT was really the deciding factor for me. I wanted to get actual work experience and a good liberal arts education."



Field Work Term at The Bass Shop

"We do everything we can to encourage our students to start turning their own wheels. We teach them how to make decisions, how to go about doing things."



"Bennington is a place where you can do concentrated work on something before you go out into the world with it."

Bennington College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national or ethnic origin, age, or veteran's status in its admissions, educational program, financial aid awards, or employment practices.

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"At Bennington there are as many directions as there are individuals."