

Deep Springs College

A two-year liberal arts education for free? The catch: students at Deep Springs College—a 26-student, male-only institution with a working cattle ranch and alfalfa farm—must perform manual labor in exchange for their tuition (a \$35,000 value). Duties might include milking cows, baling hay, cooking breakfast, scrubbing toilets, or mopping floors. Classes—typically one or two a day—are usually held in the morning with work done in the early morning (before classes) and in the afternoon. Deep Springs College is highly selective (the average SAT score of students is 1450) and rarely accepts more than 15 percent of applicants. It has an excellent reputation for preparing students for work and life in general; many of its graduates go on to pursue bachelor's degrees at top schools such as Harvard, Yale, Stanford, Columbia, Oxford, University of California-Berkeley, and Cornell. Deep Springs College was founded by Lucien Lucius Nunn, a mining magnate, in 1917. Its founding principles are academics, labor, and self-governance. The average class size at Deep Springs College is four!

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Available Fields of Study:

Instruction is offered in the humanities, in the social sciences, and in the natural sciences and mathematics. Students are free to choose coursework from any of these areas but are required to take composition and public speaking.

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Degrees available: Associate degree