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Lees-McRae College
Banner Elk, North Carolina
College Board Code: 5364

At a Glance

Main Address

PO Box 128
Banner Elk, NC 28604
(828) 898-5241
www.lmc.edu

Admission Office

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Banner Elk, NC 28604
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(800) 280-4562
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keener@lmc.edu
Contact: Frank OHagan
Director of Admissions

Type of School

Private
Liberal Arts College
Four-year
Presbyterian Church (USA)
Coed
Percent applicants admitted: 53%
Regionally Accredited
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
College Board member

Calendar:
Semester

Degrees Available:
· Bachelor's

Setting

Rural setting
Rural community (under 2,500)
Residential campus

Size

Total undergrads: 906
First-time degree-seeking freshmen: 163
Degree-seeking undergrads: 906

Student Body

1st-year students:

56% In-state students
44% Out-of-state students
1% Part-time students

55% Women
45% Men

1% American Indian/Alaskan Native
12% Black/Non-Hispanic
1% Hispanic
54% White/Non-Hispanic
4% Non-Resident Alien
28% Race/ethnicity unreported

33% in top 10th of graduating class
41% in top quarter of graduating class
70% in top half of graduating class

15% had h.s. GPA of 3.75 and higher
16% had h.s. GPA between 3.5 and 3.74
12% had h.s. GPA between 3.25 and 3.49
8% had h.s. GPA between 3.0 and 3.24
27% had h.s. GPA between 2.5 and 2.99
19% had h.s. GPA between 2.0 and 2.49
3% had h.s. GPA between 1.0 and 1.99



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Deadlines

Tests

SAT Reasoning / ACT score report due by: --
SAT Subject score report due by: --

Admission

Regular application deadline: No closing date
Priority application deadline: 01-MAY
Rolling notification beginning: 01-DEC
College will notify student by: --
Student must reply to acceptance by: No set date
Deadline for housing deposit: --

Early Decision & Early Action

Early decision deadline: --
College will notify student of early decision by: --
Early action deadline: --
College will notify student of early action by: --

Financial Aid

Financial aid deadline: --
Financial aid priority deadline: 15-MAR

International Students

Fall application deadline: --

Transfer Students

Rolling admission for transfer students
Transfer application closing date: Rolling admission
Transfer priority application date: --
College will notify student of transfer decision by: --
Transfer deadline for filing financial aid forms: --
Transfer priority financial aid deadline: --
College will notify student of financial aid decisions on or about: --
Student must reply to financial aid decision by: --

Admission

Application Fee

College has an application fee: No

Acceptance & Retention

Percent applicants admitted: 53%

Percent of students who return for sophomore year: 66%

Transfer Students

Number of transfers who applied for fall term: 169

Number of transfers who were admitted for fall term: 100

Number of transfers who enrolled for fall term: 91

Terms in which transfers may enroll: Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer

Transfers accepted at these levels: Second-semester freshman, sophomore, junior, senior

Minimum number of credits a transfer applicant must have: 24

Admission requirements for transfers:

- Required of All: High School Transcript, College Transcript(s)

Minimum college GPA required (4.0 scale): 2.0

Lowest grade earned for any course that may be transferred for credit (on a 4.0 scale): 2.0

Maximum credits/courses from 2-year institution: 68

Maximum credits/courses from 4-year institution: 68

Minimum credits transfers must complete to earn bachelor's degree: 32

Additional requirements for transfer admission: Students with less than 24 semester hours must submit high school transcript and SAT/ACT scores. No test scores required of students over 21 years of age.

Admission Policies and Factors

Admission requirements:

- Required: SAT Reasoning Test or ACT
- If submitting ACT, the writing section is optional

Very important admission factors:

- Alumni Relation
- Class Rank
- Standardized Test Scores
- Academic GPA

Important admission factors:

- Rigor of secondary school record
- First generation college student

Considered:

- Character/Personal Qualities
- Application Essay
- Extracurricular Activities
- Geographical Residence
- Recommendations
- State Residency
- Volunteer Work
- Level of Applicant's Interest

A note about the college's admission requirements: High school record and rank in top half of class preferred. Test scores optional. Recommendations considered.

High School Preparation

High School diploma required, GED accepted

Required units: 18 total

Electives



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Admission (continued)

High School Preparation (continued)

| | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| English | 4 |
| History | 1 |
| Math | 2 |
| Science | 2 |
| Recommended units: 19 total | |
| Foreign Language | 1 |
| Math | 3 |

Home-Schooled Students

SAT®, AP®, CLEP®

Test Scores

| | Middle 50% of First-Year Students | Percent Who Submitted Scores |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| SAT Critical Reading: | 440 - 660 | 74% |
| SAT Math: | 420 - 480 | 74% |
| SAT Writing: | - | - |
| ACT Composite: | 14 - 28 | 23% |

SAT & ACT Policies

For admission decisions:

- Required: SAT Reasoning Test or ACT
- If submitting ACT, the writing section is optional

For placement:

- SAT
- ACT

SAT or ACT writing component will be used as follows:

- SAT Reasoning/ACT score report due by: Not reported
- SAT Subject score report due by: Not reported

SAT score-use policy:

- Please contact college for information about its use of SAT scores

Advanced Placement Program(AP) Information

AP Credit and Placement Policy

Offers credit for AP Exams: Yes

Offers placement into higher-level courses for AP Exams: Not reported

From the college:

Score of three: Lees-McRae College may award college credit if recommended by appropriate Division Chair.

Score of Four: Three to four credit hours of college credit may be awarded for the appropriate Lees-McRae College equivalent course.

College-Level Examinations Program(CLEP) Information

All CLEP exam scores range from 20 to 80. A score of 99 indicates that credit is awarded on an individually-determined basis

| Exam | Minimum Grade for Credit | Credit Hours Awarded |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------|
| American Government | 50 | 3 |
| American Literature | 50 | 3 |
| Analysis and Interpretation of Literature | 50 | 3 |
| Biology | 50 | 3 |
| Calculus | 50 | 3 |
| Chemistry | 50 | 3 |
| College Algebra | 50 | 3 |
| College Algebra-Trigonometry | 50 | 3 |
| College French-Level 1 | 50 | 3 |
| College French-Level 2 | 50 | 3 |
| College German- Level 1 | 50 | 3 |

SAT®, AP®, CLEP® (continued)

College-Level Examinations Program(CLEP) Information (continued)

All CLEP exam scores range from 20 to 80. A score of 99 indicates that credit is awarded on an individually-determined basis

| Exam | Minimum Grade for Credit | Credit Hours Awarded |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------|
| College German-Level 2 | 50 | 3 |
| College Mathematics | 50 | 3 |
| College Spanish-Level 1 | 50 | 3 |
| College Spanish-Level 2 | 50 | 3 |
| English Composition | 50 | 3 |
| English Composition with Essay | 50 | 3 |
| English Literature | 50 | 3 |
| Financial Accounting | -- | -- |
| Freshman College Composition | 50 | 3 |
| History of the United States I | 50 | 3 |
| History of the United States II | 50 | 3 |
| Human Growth and Development | 50 | 3 |
| Humanities | 50 | 3 |
| Information Systems and Computer Application | 50 | 3 |
| Introductory Business Law | 50 | 3 |
| Introductory Educational Psychology | 50 | 3 |
| Introductory Psychology | 50 | 3 |
| Introductory Sociology | 50 | 3 |
| Natural Sciences | 50 | 3 |
| Precalculus | -- | -- |
| Principles of Accounting | 50 | 3 |
| Principles of Macroeconomics | 50 | 3 |
| Principles of Management | 50 | 3 |
| Principles of Marketing | 50 | 3 |
| Principles of Microeconomics | 50 | 3 |
| Social Sciences and History | 50 | 3 |
| Trigonometry | 50 | 3 |
| Western Civilization I: Ancient Near East to 1648 | 50 | 3 |
| Western Civilization II: 1648 to Present | 50 | 3 |

Cost & Financial Aid

Annual College Costs (Fall 2009)

| | Living on -campus | Living at home | Commuting, not living at home |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| In-state tuition and fees: | \$21,625 | \$21,625 | \$21,625 |
| Out-of-state tuition and fees: | \$21,625 | \$21,625 | \$21,625 |
| Room and board: | \$7,400 | \$3,700 | \$7,400 |
| Books and supplies: | \$950 | \$950 | \$950 |
| Estimated personal expenses: | \$1,945 | \$1,945 | \$2,700 |
| Transportation expense: | \$1,275 | \$1,275 | \$2,435 |
| Cost per credit hour: | \$600 | | |
| Cost per credit hour (in-state): | | | |
| Cost per credit hour (out-of-state): | | | |

Financial Aid Statistics

- Full-time freshman enrollment: 163
- Number who applied for need-based aid: 136
- Number who were judged to have need: 115
- Number who were offered aid: 115
- Number who had full need met: 6
- Average percent of need met: 73%
- Average financial aid package: \$12,145
- Average need-based loan: \$3,500
- Average need-based scholarship or grant award: \$9,500
- Average non-need based aid: \$5,200
- Average indebtedness at graduation: Not reported

Financial Aid Distribution

Percent of total undergraduate aid awarded as:
Scholarships / grants: 72%
Loans / jobs: 28%

Non-need-based aid determined by:

- State/District Residency
- Music/Drama
- Religious Affiliation
- Athletics
- Academics

Financial Aid Forms

Domestic first-year financial aid applicants must submit the following forms, if applicable:

- FAFSA
- State aid form

Contact Information

Financial Aid Office phone: (828) 898-8740

Majors

Most Popular Majors

For Bachelor's Degrees

Education: 45%
Social Sciences: 15%
Business/Marketing: 9%
Health Professions: 7%
Visual and Performing Arts: 7%
Environmental Science: 5%

Graduate Paths

Not reported

All Majors

Levels at which colleges offer undergraduate majors are designated by these letters:
A = Associate degree, B = Bachelor's degree, C = Certificate or diploma.

Arts, Visual & Performing

Art - General *B*
Arts - General *B*
Arts Management *B*
Drama/Theater Arts *B*
Musical theater *B*
Theater Design/Stagecraft *B*

Biological & Biomedical Sciences

Biology *B*

Business, Management, & Marketing

Business Administration/Management *B*

Communications & Journalism

Communications/Rhetoric *B*

Computer & Information Sciences

Computer Science *B*
Information Sciences/Systems *B*

Education

Drama/Dance Teacher Education *B*
Elementary Education *B*
Physical Education *B*

English Language & Literature

English Language & Literature - General *B*

Health Professions & Clinical Sciences

Preventistry *B*
Premedicine *B*
Preveterinary Medicine *B*

Liberal Arts & Sciences

Liberal Arts & Sciences *B*

Mathematics

Mathematics - General *B*

Philosophy & Religion

Religion/Religious Studies *B*

Psychology

Psychology - General *B*



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Majors (continued)

All Majors (continued)

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Security & Protective Services

Criminal Justice Studies *B*

Social Sciences

International Relations *B*

Sociology *B*

Academics & Support

Special Study Options

- Accelerated Program
- Cross-Registration
- Distance Learning
- Double Major
- Dual Enrollment of High School Students
- ESL
- Honors Program
- Independent Study
- Internships
- Student-Designed Major
- Study Abroad
- Teacher Certification
- Visiting/Exchange Student Program

Cooperative (Work-Study) Programs

Academic Support Services

- Learning Center
- Remedial Instruction
- Study Skills Assistance
- Tutoring
- Writing Center

Counseling & Other Support Services

- Alcohol/Substance Abuse Counseling
- Career Counseling
- Chaplain/Spiritual Director
- Employment Service
- Financial Aid Counseling
- Freshman Orientation Program
- Health Services
- Personal Counseling
- Veterans Counselor

Special Services for Transfer Students

For students transferring IN from another school:

- Advisor
- Orientation
- Pre-admission transcript evaluation (determination of what courses will transfer)

Services for Students with Disabilities

- Partial Services/Facilities For Students With Learning Disabilities

Computer Services

- 125 work stations, available in:
 - dorms
 - libraries
 - computer centers
 - student centers



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Academics & Support (continued)

Computer Services (continued)

- Dorms Wired for Access to Campus-Wide Network
- Email Accounts Provided to All Students
- Online Course Registration for Freshmen
- Commuter/Off-Campus Students Can Connect to Campus Network
- Computer Helpline Available
- Dorms Wired for High Speed Internet Connections
- Online Library
- Wireless Network

Distance Learning

Offers distance learning courses or programs (online or partially online): Not reported

Housing & Campus Life

Housing and Policies

First-Year Students Guaranteed On-Campus Housing
98% of first-year students live in college housing
68% of all undergraduates live in college housing

Housing options:

- Coed Housing
- Men's Housing
- Women's Housing
- Apartments For Married Students
- Apartments For Single Students

Deadline for housing deposit: Not reported
Amount of housing deposit: \$250
Housing deposit is not refunded if student does not enroll.

First-time first-year students allowed to have car

Campus

Rural setting
Rural community (under 2,500)
Residential campus

Unique facilities:
wireless campus, biology field station, Blue Ridge Wildlife Rehabilitation Institute

Geographical location:
17 miles from Boone, 40 miles from Johnson City, Tennessee.

Activities

+ indicates availability

| | | | |
|--------------------|---|------------------------|---|
| Campus ministries | + | Choral groups | |
| Concert band | | Dance | + |
| Drama | + | Film society | |
| Fraternities | | International students | + |
| Jazz band | | Literary magazine | |
| Marching band | | Model U.N. | |
| Music ensembles | | Musical theater | + |
| Opera | | Pep band | + |
| Radio station | | Sororities | |
| Student government | + | Student newspaper | |
| Symphony orchestra | | Television station | |
| Yearbook | + | | |

Other activities or organizations:

Order of the Tower, student ambassadors, residence hall association, sports medicine club, Phi Beta Lambda, Circle K, campus after the class hours, EMS club

Sports

General Athletics

Member: NCAA

Team name: Bobcats

| Sport | Levels Available |
|------------------------------|--|
| Basketball | Men's NCAA Division II Women's NCAA Division II Men's Intercollegiate Women's Intercollegiate Men's Intramural Women's Intramural Men's Scholarship Women's Scholarship |
| Cheerleading | Men's Intercollegiate Women's Intercollegiate |
| Cross-Country | Men's NCAA Division II Women's NCAA Division II Men's Intercollegiate Women's Intercollegiate Men's Intramural Women's Intramural Men's Scholarship Women's Scholarship |
| Football (Non-Tackle) | Men's Intramural Women's Intramural |
| Golf | Men's NCAA Division II Men's Intercollegiate Men's Intramural Women's Intramural Men's Scholarship |
| Lacrosse | Men's NCAA Division II Women's NCAA Division II Men's Intercollegiate Women's Intercollegiate Men's Scholarship Women's Scholarship |
| Skiing | Men's Intramural Women's Intramural |
| Soccer | Men's NCAA Division II Women's NCAA Division II Men's Intercollegiate Women's Intercollegiate Men's Intramural Women's Intramural Men's Scholarship Women's Scholarship |
| Softball | Women's NCAA Division II Women's Intercollegiate Men's Intramural Women's Intramural Women's Scholarship |
| Table Tennis | Men's Intramural Women's Intramural |



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Sports (continued)

| Sport | Levels Available |
|------------------------|--|
| Track And Field | Men's Intercollegiate Women's Intercollegiate Men's Scholarship Women's Scholarship |
| Track: Indoor | Men's NCAA Division II Women's NCAA Division II |
| Track: Outdoor | Men's NCAA Division II Women's NCAA Division II |
| Volleyball | Men's NCAA Division II Women's NCAA Division II Men's Intercollegiate Women's Intercollegiate Men's Intramural Women's Intramural Men's Scholarship Women's Scholarship |



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International Students

Admission for International Students

Fall application deadline: --

Annual College Costs (Fall 2009)

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Tuition and Fees | \$21,625 |
| Room & Board (on-campus) | \$7,400 |
| Additional estimated expenses | \$2,000 |
| Costs per credit hour | \$600 |

Financial Aid

International students eligible for need-based aid
International students eligible for non-need-based aid
Number of enrolled international undergraduates received aid: 41
Total amount awarded : \$674,975

Non-resident aliens must submit the following financial aid forms:

- Foreign Student Certification of Finances

Tests for International Students

- Required for Some: SAT Reasoning Test or ACT
- TOEFL required of non-resident alien applicants
- TOEFL (paper) minimum score: 500

Services for International Students

- English as a Second Language Program On Campus for International Students
- International Student Adviser
- Special International Student Orientation Program