Our Story

Founded in 1885, Springfield College is known worldwide for the guiding principles of its Humanics philosophy of educating students in spirit, mind, and body for leadership in service to others. The College also is regarded as the Birthplace of Basketball, which was invented on the campus by alumnus and instructor James Naismith in 1891.

With its foundation of academic excellence and rich athletic heritage, Springfield College prepares students with real-world leadership skills for careers that transform lives and communities. The College offers a range of undergraduate and graduate degree programs in the fields of health sciences, human and social services, sport management and movement studies, education, business, and the arts and sciences. It also offers doctoral programs in physical education, physical therapy, and counseling psychology.

Springfield College once again advanced in the top tier in the “Best Regional Universities – North Region” category of the 2016 edition of “Best Colleges” by U.S. News & World Report. It also is designated as a premier Leadership Development Center by the YMCA of the USA.

More than 3,000 domestic and international students study at our main campus in Springfield, Mass.

Location

Located on the shores of Lake Massasoit, Springfield College is a traditional New England campus in western Massachusetts. The College is within close proximity to restaurants, museums, parks, concert venues, shopping malls, and is only a short drive, bus or train ride from Boston and New York City.

For information on programs, immigration, and how to apply, contact the Doggett International Center at internationalcenter@springfieldcollege.edu.
Springfield College has a long tradition of providing quality educational opportunities to international students from all over the world, helping to create a community of diverse backgrounds and perspectives. The College offers international students the chance to effectively prepare for careers in the arts, sciences, health, and business, and to gain an understanding and appreciation for a new culture.

Our international graduates have turned their Springfield College experiences into fulfilling careers in fields such as business, rehabilitation, physical education, and sport management.

Why Is Springfield College your best choice to study internationally?

• Our 10-year accreditation renewal from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges demonstrates the strength of all our academic programs.
• The College enjoys affiliations with seven medical schools and one dental school.
• We are proud of our first-tier ranking in the category of “Best Regional Universities-North” in the U.S. News & World Report’s 2016 edition of “Best Colleges.”
• Springfield College has more than 120 international students and scholars from 22 countries.

Financial aid is available to international students.

We make scholarships available to qualified international applicants.

• International undergraduate and transfer applicants are eligible for the merit-based Springfield College President’s Achievers Award ($6,000 to $14,000 per year). Scholarships may be available (approximate value of $6,000) for accommodations.

Experiencing English and Culture:
College Language American Studies Program (CLASP)

A full-time, campus-based, intensive English program offered in the fall, spring, and summer sessions

• Students will learn English while living on the campus and enjoying all the benefits of being a member of the Springfield College community.
• Students will experience American culture firsthand with field trips and events that help integrate students into the U.S. lifestyle, including visiting museums, agricultural fairs, and enjoying numerous outdoor activities.
• Students with low English proficiency scores may be given conditional acceptance to Springfield College. Full acceptance would be granted after the successful completion of the CLASP program.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE

Our Schools

The School of Arts, Sciences, and Professional Studies offers a broad and engaging curriculum, including biology, education, humanities, mathematics, physics, and computer science, communications and sports journalism, psychology, business management, accounting, marketing, finance, health care management, social sciences, and the visual and performing arts.

The School of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation focuses on the study of physical and health education, including applied exercise science, athletic training, physical education, recreation management, and sport management.

The School of Health Sciences and Rehabilitation Studies provides an academic and clinical foundation for careers in physical therapy, occupational therapy, communication sciences and disorders, rehabilitation and disability studies, emergency medical services management, and physician assistant studies.

The School of Social Work prepares social work professionals through the advanced generalist practice approach. Master’s, post-master’s certificates, and a joint master’s/juris doctorate degree program are offered.

Basketball was invented here.

Springfield College is internationally renowned as the College where basketball was invented. Graduate student and faculty member James Naismith invented basketball on the campus in 1891 at the College, which was then known as the International YMCA Training School. During a psychology seminar, the director of the physical education department, Dr. Luther Gulick, challenged Naismith to invent a new game that could be played indoors in the winter. Naismith quickly wrote down the first set of 13 rules to his new game called “basket ball,” and the rest is history.

Also, a few years later, William Morgan, an 1894 graduate of the College, would invent the game of volleyball.

For more information, go to springfield.edu/birthplace.