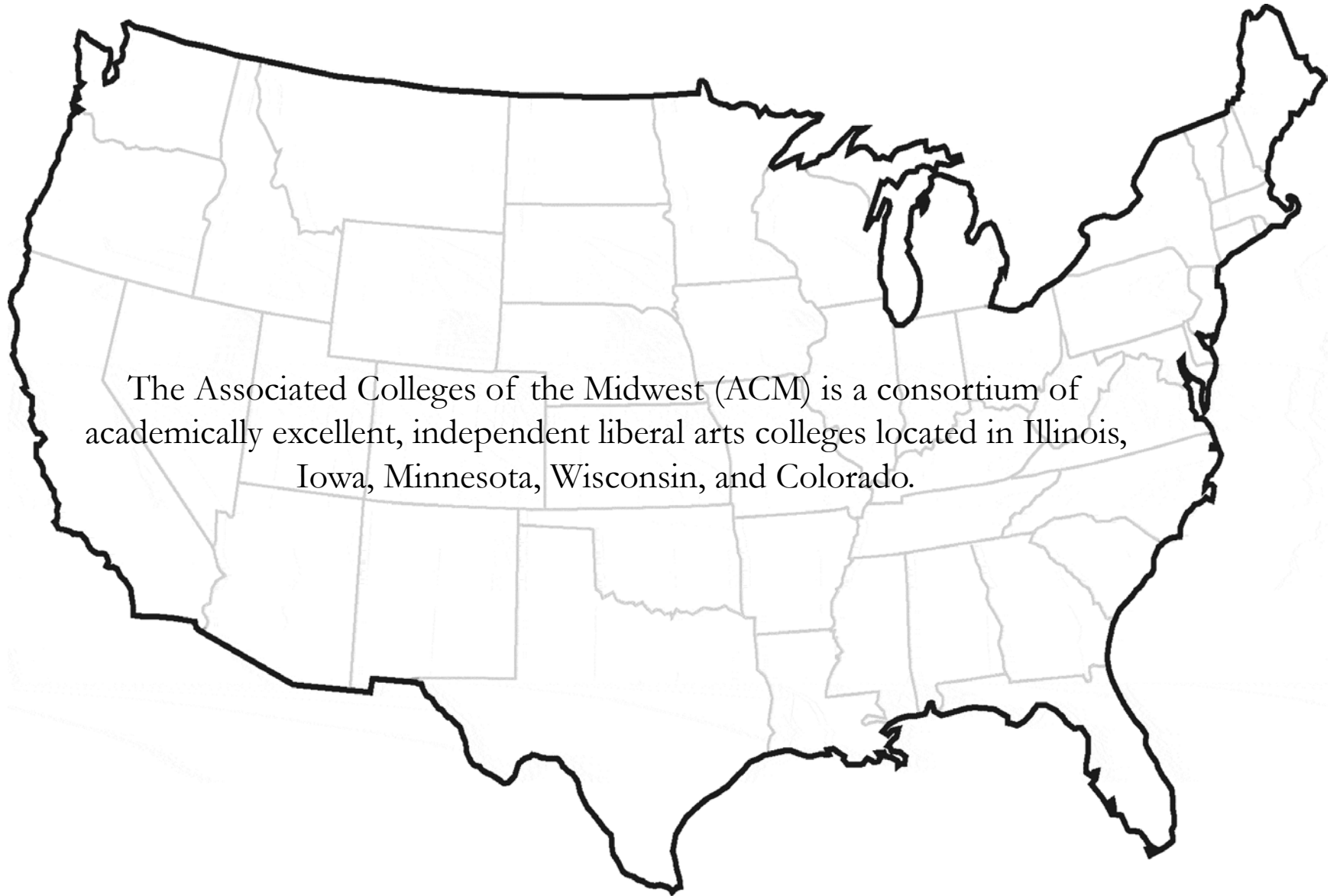




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ASSOCIATED COLLEGES
OF THE MIDWEST



The Associated Colleges of the Midwest (ACM) is a consortium of academically excellent, independent liberal arts colleges located in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Colorado.

Our Qualities



- Fundamental commitment to the liberal arts as the best preparation for life, employment, and contributing to society
- Residential
- Student engagement
- Close contact with faculty
- Undergraduate research opportunities
- Wealth of co-curricular activities
- Off-campus study
- Community service
- Internships

Geography Challenge



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How well do you know the Midwest?

Some, a little or not at all...?

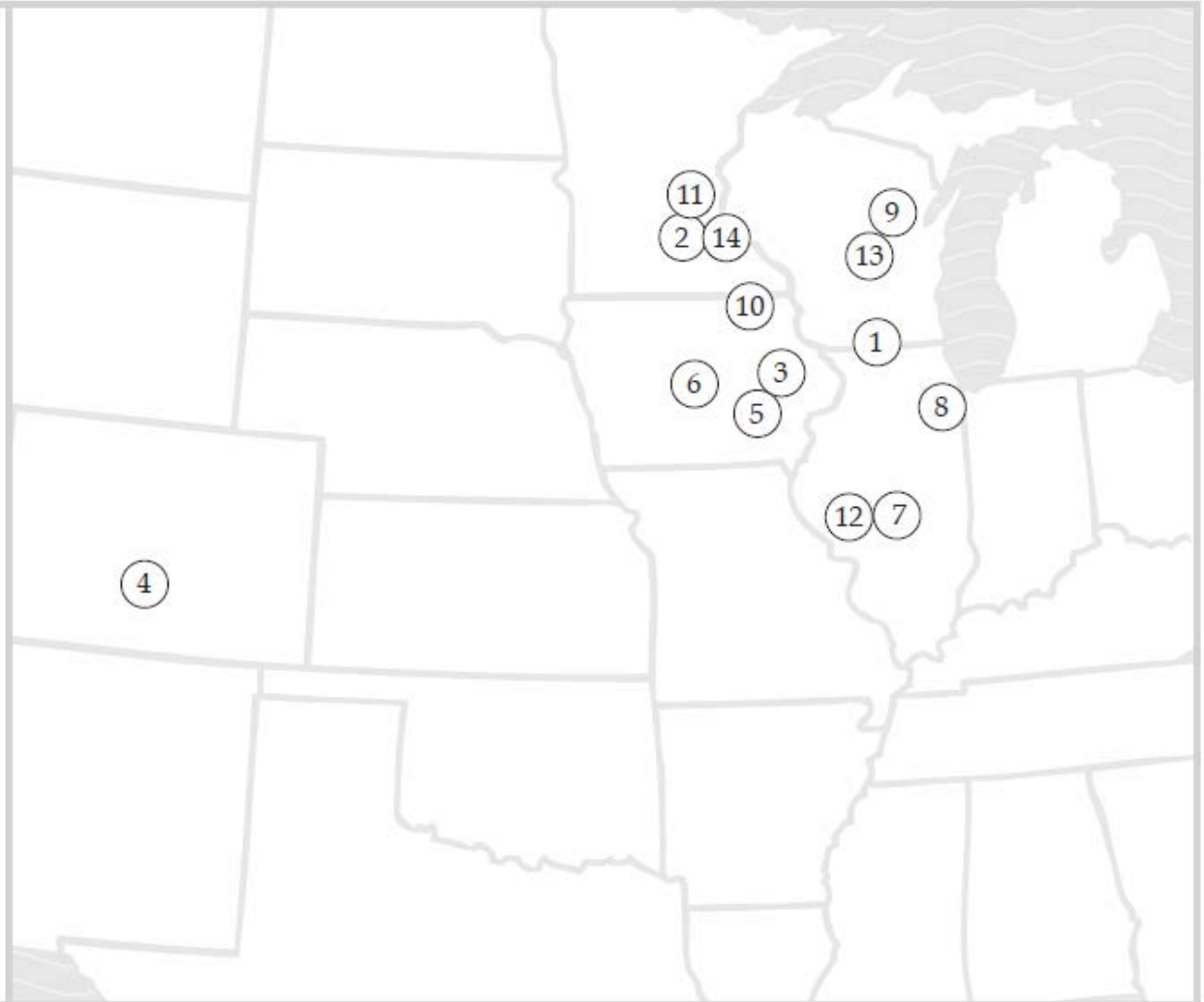
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Geography Challenge



Our Locations

- ① Beloit College
- ② Carleton College
- ③ Coe College
- ④ Colorado College
- ⑤ Cornell College
- ⑥ Grinnell College
- ⑦ Knox College
- ⑧ Lake Forest College
- ⑨ Lawrence University
- ⑩ Luther College
- ⑪ Macalaster College
- ⑫ Monmouth College
- ⑬ Ripon College
- ⑭ St. Olaf College



Dispelling the Myth

There is more to our part of the country than cows, pigs, corn fields and open spaces.

The people truly are friendly, though.



Why Consider the Midwest?



- Amazing Cities
 - Chicago
 - The Twin Cities
 - Milwaukee
 - Denver
 - Des Moines
- Midwestern Hospitality
 - Quotes from our students
- Opportunities
- Midwestern Celebrities
- Four Seasons

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From our Students

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“I love college in the Midwest because everything is so close & there is always someone who knows you. Many of the friends I have made here are from the area & they take care of me as an out of state kid. They bring me home for family dinners & holidays, their parents even bring me groceries when they come visit. People are simply kind & generous in that way. Since states & colleges are so close it is easy to also go to different schools & meet new people through those who they went to high school with. The Midwest environment creates a community style living where each individual is taken care of. ”

Alex Alvarez-Bright

Denver School of the Arts

Denver, CO



“The Midwest is definitely a change from my home in Southern California but in a good way.

I am experiencing something I never would have thought possible by attending an ACM school & being in the Midwest. I’ve made friends from many different states & I am able to see where they come from & how it affects our differences. Midwestern Hospitality is a great thing. People are genuinely nice & it’s a change of pace from living in California.”

Alejandro Villareal

St. Francis High School

Los Angeles, California



“Midwestern Hospitality is an all-encompassing attitude that makes every visitor feel warm and welcomed. When you are greeted by a Midwesterner, they immediately make you feel at ease & give you a sense of genuine belonging. It doesn't matter where you are from, everyone is at home in the Midwest.”

Cinnamon Moore

Thomas Doherty High School

Colorado Spring, Colorado



“Midwestern Hospitality is driving on the on-ramp of the freeway and everyone moves over to let you in. It surprises me each time and I like it.”

Jaime Jackson

Golden High School

Golden, Colorado



“ I’ve never been surrounded by so much positivity. Everyone looks forward to helping out one another, whenever possible. It’ can get to the point where you’ll find that simply holding the door open for another person is just as important as anything else.”

*Edgar Alvarez
Avalon High School
The Catalina Islands*



Opportunities



- Unemployment Rates
 - Iowa – 4.5%
 - Illinois – 6.6 %
 - Minnesota – 3.9 %
 - Wisconsin – 5.4 %
 - Colorado – 4.3 %
 - California – 7.3 %
- Internships
- Careers

Midwestern Celebrities



- Ashton Kutcher (IA)
- Elijah Wood (IA)
- Mark Ruffalo (WI)
- William Dafoe (WI)
- Harrison Ford (IL)
- Abraham Lincoln (IL)
- Robin Williams (IL)
- Chris Pratt (MN)
- Jessica Biel (MN)
- Tim Allen (CO)
- Amy Adams (CO)

Our Collaborations

The Faculty Career Enhancement Program: Through workshops, conferences, and research collaborations, these activities are designed to develop and disseminate effective and innovative teaching practices.

ACM-Mellon Seminars in Advanced Interdisciplinary Learning: intensive off-campus study experiences for ACM faculty.

Institute on College Futures: aims to build a deeper understanding among ACM faculty of the economic challenges facing their colleges and strategies for strengthening and sustaining college finances.

Enhancing the Midwest Knowledge Ecosystem: links ACM with the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC), an academic consortium of universities in the Big Ten Conference along with the University of Chicago.

Learning from Study Away: aimed at developing assessment tools to better understand what students are learning on ACM off-campus study programs

Online Learning Project: explore ways in which online learning could be used to enhance the educational missions of ACM colleges as small, residential liberal arts institutions.



Financial Aid



- › 90% of incoming full-time, first-year students at ACM colleges are receiving financial aid in the 2014-15 academic year.
- › The average financial aid package for first-year students at ACM colleges in 2014-15 is \$34,654.

Off-Campus Study

- 2 Broad Models
 - Programs that help students make sense of the world through the liberal arts, emphasizing cultural and linguistic fluency; understanding oneself in unique spaces and places; making connections as disciplines come together in dialogue. Many of these programs offer internships; most involve independent work in the context of integrative courses.
 - Advanced research and applied study: putting the academic major to work. Work that builds on college majors and prepares students for advanced work in senior seminars, for independent capstone projects, for graduate schools, and post-baccalaureate fellowships.

Off-Campus Programs

- Botswana: Development in Southern Africa
- Chicago Program: Arts, Entrepreneurship, & Urban Studies
- Costa Rica: Community Engagement in Public Health, Education, & the Environment
- India: Culture, Traditions, & Globalization
- India: Development Studies & Hindi Language
- London & Florence: Arts in Context
- Jordan: Middle East & Arabic Language Studies
- Japan Study
- Brazil Exchanges
- Costa Rica: Field Research in the Environment, Social Sciences, & Humanities
- Florence: Arts, Humanities, & Culture
- Newberry Seminar: Research in the Humanities
- Oak Ridge Science Semester
- Tanzania: Ecology & Human Origins
- Urban Education: Student Teaching in Chicago





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