

INTRODUCING RELIANCE COLLEGE

*Dedicated to students who value reason, individualism, and freedom
Encouraging objective and free inquiry*

WHO ARE WE?

Reliance is a residential college which offers a Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Arts, with deep emphasis on reasoning well and objectively, complemented by a real-world-problem solving project in the student's career interest.

WHAT DO WE WANT TO ACCOMPLISH?

We want Reliance students to enter the world as self-reliant. Our goal is to endow them with a rich portfolio of knowledge and skills, and build a rich portfolio of work, so they can plan and succeed in the life they imagine for themselves and overcome any obstacles and adversities that stand in their way. Our goal is for our students to become free persons, able to defend and advance a free society.

WHO DO WE SERVE?

We seek students, parents, and grandparents who want an education that thoughtfully and actively prepares young people to flourish in life—intellectually, morally, socially, and practically. We are looking for people who want more than vocational training or ideological programming. We want people who want to think for themselves and pursue their own happiness. We want people who expect to pay a reasonable price for a real education rather than a price inflated by no longer deserved prestige.

WHAT IS OUR CURRICULUM?

Our curriculum will be determined by our Board of Directors, informed by our faculty, and independent of government mandates. In order to prepare our students to be self-reliant in a group-think world, we believe our course of study should include:

- Works from the classic Great Books covering the liberal disciplines of philosophy, literature, mathematics, history, economics, and the physical and social sciences.
- Select modern texts in the humanities, sciences, business, and entrepreneurship, representing the various ideological perspectives dominating our world today, including often neglected works of the freedom movement such as those of Ludwig Von Mises and Ayn Rand.
- Emphasis on grasping connections between knowledge and action between all subjects and with practical life.
- Focused skills courses in logic, professional-level writing, data analysis, and innovation.
- Individualized work on real-world problems in area of student's career interest, professionally mentored.

WHAT ARE OUR EDUCATIONAL PRINCIPLES?

Informed by the Montessori educational philosophy applied to young adults, which emphasizes individualization, developmental needs, and best learning methodologies, and predominantly using carefully crafted collaborative seminars, Reliance College courses will engender:

- Excellent reasoned judgment
- Creative problem solving
- Moral character of integrity
- Independence
- Self-reliance
- Hard work
- Self-responsibility

HOW IS RELIANCE COLLEGE MANAGED AND FUNDED?

We will be and remain a wholly privately funded non-profit. Our Board of Trustees are carefully chosen for dedication to our mission and values. Our faculty is chosen not only for their expertise in knowledge but also and especially for their ability to teach and inspire our students. Hence, faculty compensation will be dependent on performance; no tenure.

