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Alvernia College’s History
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**How Technology Changes Math**

**Calculus Reform: The Role of Technology in Calculus Instruction**

**Using Math Models for Real Life Situations**

**Mathematical Interpretation of Human Behavior: Decision Making through Math**

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**Founding Year:** 1958  **Motto:** “To Learn, To Love, To Serve”

**Degrees Awarded:** Associate of Science, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Social Work, Master of Arts in Community Counseling, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies, Master of Business Administration, Master of Education, Master of Science in Nursing, Master of Science in Occupational Therapy, and Doctor of Philosophy in Leadership.

**Campus:** The main campus in Reading is 55 acres, with two off-campus centers in Philadelphia and Pottsville (Schuylkill County).

**Enrollment:** 2,800 students attend Alvernia, including 1,400 traditional undergraduates, 680 continuing education students, and 720 graduate students. A little over 75% of first-year students live on campus.

**Faculty:** Among Alvernia professors, almost two-thirds hold the highest degree in their field. The student to- faculty ratio is 15:1. Most classes are 20 students or fewer.

**Student Activities:** More than 50 student groups, including intramural and intercollegiate sports, academic clubs, honor societies, student government, and faith-based, arts, environmental, and service clubs.

**Athletics:** NCAA Division III, new member of Middle Atlantic States Athletic Conference (beginning 2008-2009) and Eastern College Athletic Conference, 7 men’s and 8 women’s intercollegiate sports.

**Financial Aid:** About 99% of traditional undergraduates receive some type of financial aid, including scholarships, grants, loans, and work-study. Each year, we award more than $3 million in assistance. Alvernia University is located in a residential neighborhood in Reading, Pennsylvania. We are a private, residential, coeducational institution with liberal arts and professional programs sponsored by the Bernardine Franciscan sisters, a Catholic religious order.

**General:** Alvernia University’s academic program includes 50 undergraduate programs of study, six master’s degrees, a Ph.D. in Leadership, principal and teacher certifications, degree completion programs, and a unique program for older adults called the Seniors College, which serves hundreds of senior citizens. Its mission is to provide a rigorous, caring, and inclusive learning community committed to academic excellence and to being and fostering broadly educated lifelong learners, reflective professionals and engaged citizens, and ethical learners with moral courage.
MAJORS & MINORS

Addiction Studies
Athletic Training
Biochemistry
Biology
Biology-Medical Technology
Business:
*Accounting
*Human Resource Management
*Management
*Marketing
*Sport Management
*Chemistry
*Chemistry-Medical Technology
Communications:
*Corporate
*Film, Culture & Creative Arts
*Journalism
*Media Design and Production
*Public Relations and Advertising
*Theatre Studies
Computer Information Systems:
*Business
*Communications
*Criminal Justice
*Mathematics
*Science
Criminal Justice Administration
Education:
*Early Childhood Education
*Elementary Education
*Secondary Education:
*Biology
*Business
*Computer and Information Technology
*Chemistry
*English
*Mathematics
*Social Studies
*Special Education

English
Forensic Science
General Science
History
Liberal Studies
Mathematics
Nursing
Occupational Therapy (5-year Master's Degree)
Philosophy
Political Science
Psychology:
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*Counseling Rehabilitation
*Forensic Psychology
*Sport Psychology
Social Work
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Gerontology
Information Studies
International Studies
Music
Physics
Sociology
Spanish
Theatre
Women’s Studies

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Pre-Medical
Pre-Veterinary