THE FIVE COLLEGE CONSORTIUM

A few bold institutions
In 1965, the Pioneer Valley’s four colleges, 1 Amherst College, 2 Mount Holyoke College, 3 Smith College, and the 4 University of Massachusetts Amherst, were experimenting with innovative ideas in higher education. One of those ideas was 5 Hampshire College, a radical student-centered model. The big idea, though, was sharing resources through an inter-college consortium.

So what does that mean now?

Your resources are multiplied by five.

You can take classes, borrow books, play club sports, eat food, join clubs, and attend events at the other four campuses. You’ll make friends all across the Pioneer Valley. And for a college where students create their own programs of study, this is especially awesome.
WHO WE ARE

The (really, really) big picture

5 campuses
- Hampshire College
- Amherst College
- Mount Holyoke College
- Smith College
- UMass Amherst

30,000 undergraduate students

4,600+ cross registrations for classes this year

2,200+ faculty members

70+ foreign-language offerings

900+ student groups

4 Five College majors:
- Architectural Studies
- Astronomy
- Dance
- Film Studies

9 million volumes within the Five College Library System

6 average number of courses Hampshire students take in the consortium over their four years

17 certificate programs

17 intercollegiate sports teams

SEIZE THE DAY
In addition to promoting each institution’s majors and programs, Five Colleges, Inc. sponsors learning centers, collaborative programs, additional certifications, and accelerated master’s programs.

**FIVE COLLEGE MAJORS** | Astronomy, Film Studies, Dance, Architectural Studies

**CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS** | Approved by a committee of Five College faculty, these certificates demonstrate extensive work in your field and are awarded with your bachelor’s degree.

- African Studies
- Asian/Pacific/American Studies
- Biomathematics
- Buddhist Studies
- Coastal and Marine Sciences
- Cognitive Neuroscience
- Culture, Health, and Science
- Ethnomusicology
- International Relations
- Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies
- Logic
- Middle Eastern Studies
- Native American and Indigenous Studies
- Queer and Sexuality Studies
- Reproductive Health Rights and Justice
- Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies
- Sustainability Studies

**FIVE COLLEGE CENTERS**

- Center for East Asian Studies (CEAS)
- Five College Center for the Study of World Languages
- Five College Women’s Studies Research Center

**ACCELERATED MASTER’S PROGRAMS** | Working with UMass Amherst, students may complete both the bachelor’s and master’s degree in the following areas:

- Mathematics
- Molecular and Cellular Biology
- Organismic and Evolutionary Biology
- Plant Biology
- Linguistics
- Economics
- Public Policy and Administration
- Sustainability Science
- Political Science
The Five College Consortium is more than just classes — a lot more. Get out of your dorm room and meet some of the 30,000 students in the area! Got an obscure hobby? We bet you’ll find your people here.

Only four years

SO MUCH TO DO

900+ other student groups across the Five Colleges
But how do I get around?” you ask. Enter the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority, or PVTA. It’s a bus system that connects all five colleges and the surrounding towns. Hampshire’s right in the middle of several key routes, and rides are free with a college ID.

The bus is not an infrequent visitor, arriving every 30 minutes throughout the day. And it’s not just for getting to class; the last Hampshire drop-off is often well past midnight, allowing you to enjoy off-campus clubs, activities, performances, and more.
But only one college can be home

The consortium is an amazing asset to Hampshire’s educational model. It’s almost as if they were developed in tandem! Over our 50 years of collaboration with the other four colleges, Hampshire has been able to grow and do some amazing things.
The Farm Center. Students can harvest or consume our Community Supported Agriculture shares; tap and collect maple sap for syrup (say that five times fast); or tend to more than 60,000 bees!

Yurt Radio. Ever wanted to be a radio DJ? Talk-show host? In the Yurt, anyone can have a show! What’s a yurt? Think “hobbit house” but rounder, cuter, and noticeably without ringwraiths.

Two living buildings. Both the R.W. Kern Center and the Hitchcock Center for the Environment took on the Living Building Challenge, a rigorous certification program for uber-sustainable construction projects. Basically, they produce and consume all of their own energy.

Solar-powered college. With 19 acres of solar arrays, Hampshire is the first residential college to get 100 percent of its electricity from the sun.

The Center for Design. Welding, glass work, blacksmithing, plasma cutting — you can learn these skills and more with a short safety training. What you create afterward is up to you.

On-campus dining. Hampshire has three options for great eats: the Dining Commons, offering full and partial meal plans; the Bridge Café, a great lunch and late-night option right next to the library; and the Kern Kafé, an alum-owned breakfast and lunch spot. Or pick up a wrap or salad from our Hampstore, all freshly made on campus at our Prescott Bakery.

Sports facilities. The Robert Crown Center is the hub of recreational athletics, home to our basketball court, swimming pool, rock wall, and bouldering cave, among other equipment. Across campus, the Multisport Center houses new weight and cardio equipment, as well as an indoor track and tennis courts.
You’ve read about the Five; now meet the One

With our self-designed studies and the resources of four other colleges, there’s no limit to what you can create at Hampshire. Imagining yourself here already? Log on to visit hampshire.edu to schedule your info session and campus tour. Questions about the consortium, cross-registration, or Wool People? Call admissions, at 413.559.5471.