

International Students

Hampshire is an innovative private coeducational liberal arts college located in western Massachusetts. Students earn the Bachelor of Arts degree by successfully completing individualized programs of study. Hampshire attracts students from across the United States and from around the world. In recent years students have come from Afghanistan, Australia, Bhutan, Brazil, China, Colombia, the Czech Republic, England, Ethiopia, France, Ghana, India, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Mexico, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Palestine, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Tibet, Turkey, and Vietnam.

Academics

Hampshire's academic program is unique within the United States (and the world) for the amount of freedom and challenge it provides to self-motivated students. Working closely with faculty mentors, students create individualized and rigorous programs of study designed to accommodate their most passionate interests and concerns, and receive meaningful narrative evaluations of their academic work instead of traditional letter grades. Students take advantage of Hampshire's flexible curriculum by pursuing independent projects, internships, study abroad and field study. Hampshire empowers students to take responsibility for their education resources, meet high standards, and produce a significant independent project which occupies most of the final year of study.

Hampshire faculty members are organized into five interdisciplinary Schools: Cognitive Science; Humanities, Arts, and Cultural Studies; Interdisciplinary Arts; Natural Science; and Critical Social Inquiry. There are no academic departments. Students and faculty members work freely within and across Schools. As a member of the Five College consortium, Hampshire makes available to its 1,400 students a choice of over 5,000 courses per year taught by more than 2,000 faculty members, access to 9 million library volumes, and free bus service between the five colleges and the towns of Amherst, Northampton, and South Hadley, Massachusetts. In addition to Hampshire, the other members of the Five College consortium include Amherst, Mount Holyoke, and Smith Colleges, and the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

Student Life

Hampshire is a residential college. International students can expect campus housing provided for their undergraduate study. The Lebrón-Wiggins-Pran Cultural Center provides support and a "home away from home" to students of color and international students at Hampshire. Additionally, the Center's director is the international student advisor assisting with U.S. immigration and employment regulations as well with cross-cultural concerns, work authorization, tax information, state ID/licenses, consular and embassy information and much more. Students form more than 100 cultural, athletic, and social service groups each year, including an active international students' organization. Intellectual diversity is a special hallmark of Hampshire. Because each student formulates an individual program of study, intellectual engagement falls across an unusually wide spectrum of topics. Interaction with students from the other four consortium colleges further expands social and cultural options.

Alumni Achievements

Hampshire's more than 10,000 graduates include an impressive number of entrepreneurs, as well as doctors, lawyers, educators, artists and public servants. Sixty five percent of alumni earn advanced degrees within ten years of graduating and Hampshire is in the top one percent of all colleges and universities nationwide in the percentage of graduates who earn doctorates. *Forbes* magazine recently named Hampshire one of the top 20 U.S. colleges for entrepreneurs. Alumni commonly credit Hampshire with providing confidence to take risks, the ability to think critically and independently, and the willingness and ability to work with others to make a positive difference in the world.

Applying for Admission

International students use the same application forms as all other students. To apply to Hampshire, you may submit the Common Application or the Universal College Application. You can find links to the applications on our website: apply.hampshire.edu.

In addition to the basic application, international applicants must also submit a Certification of Finances Form (available online at apply.hampshire.edu) unless a waiver is granted from the Coordinator of International Recruitment. Applicants whose native language is not English must provide evidence of their English proficiency by submitting official TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) scores obtained within the past two years. A minimum TOEFL iBT score of 91 is required for admission to Hampshire. Results from other standardized tests (such as SAT, ACT, ELPT, IELTS) may also be considered. Requests for exceptions should be directed to internationaladmissions@hampshire.edu.

Early Decision I, Early Decision II, Early Action, and Regular Decision are only for First-Year students. Early Decision I and Early Decision II are binding plans. If you are offered admission under one of these plans, you must withdraw applications to other colleges and commit to enrolling at Hampshire College.

Financial Aid

Hampshire offers need-based and merit-based financial assistance to international students. Need-based scholarships typically meet from one-quarter to three-quarters of the tuition charge. Room, board, books, transportation, and personal expenses are not covered. Typically a student must meet expenses of at least \$25,000 per academic year. All students receiving need-based aid awards from Hampshire are offered an opportunity to meet part of their portion of expenses through a campus job. Campus job earnings are normally up to \$2,600 per year. Students and their families must carefully plan how they will meet their portion of the expenses for the four years of attendance as reconsideration of financial aid due to changing family circumstances is not possible.

To apply for financial aid, international applicants and their parents must complete and submit all of the following:

- The Certification of Finances Form
- The CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE: profileonline.collegeboard.com
- If the student has a noncustodial parent, the Noncustodial PROFILE is required: ncprofile.collegeboard.com

Deadlines

These are the dates by which your forms must be received, not postmarked. Allow sufficient processing or mail time to meet deadlines. We try to accommodate late applications, but financial aid funds may no longer be available.

	Financial Aid Deadline			
	Admissions Application Deadline	PROFILE and Non-Custodial PROFILE	Notification Date	Deposit Deadline
Spring				
All International	11/1	11/1	11/10	12/1
Fall				
First-Years				
Early Decision 1	11/15	11/15	12/15	1/1
Early Action	12/1	12/1	2/15	5/1
Early Decision 2	1/1	1/1	2/1	2/15
Regular	1/1	2/1	4/1	5/1
International first-year students can apply under any decision plan				
Transfers				
International Transfers	3/15	3/1	4/15	5/15

Advanced Placement

First-year students who present official IB scores of 5 or higher from Higher Level coursework, and/or transferrable college credit may use this work in place of up to three elective courses in Division I. Additionally, a fourth IB, or college course may be included as part of students' Division II portfolios. This policy applies to United Kingdom "A" Level General Certificate Examinations grades of A or B. Certain other examinations, such as the French Baccalaureat, German Abitur, and the Swiss Matura, may also be recognized. All first-year students are required to complete their tutorials, all distribution requirements, and the campus-engaged learning requirement (CEL-1).

Nondiscrimination: Hampshire College reaffirms publicly its ethical and legal commitment to a policy of equal opportunity in education and employment. Hampshire College does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, color, national origin, religion, sex (including sex stereotyping), sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, genetic information, or military service in the admission of students; administration of its educational policies, scholarships, and loan programs; and athletic and other College-administered programs.

Hampshire College is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. All applicable federal and state laws and guidelines are followed, including Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Executive Order 11246 of 1965, as amended by Executive Order 11357 of 1967; Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Confidentiality: Should you enroll at Hampshire, your faculty advisor and deans of advising will have access to all materials you submit as part of your admission application.