

At a Glance

Hampshire College

The Basics

Hampshire College is a small liberal arts college located in Amherst, Massachusetts. Founded in 1965 by four neighboring institutions, we teach students to ask and pursue great questions through customizing their own majors.

~750

student body population

1:10

faculty/
student ratio

14

average
class size

21%

of students are
first-generation
college students

6%

of students are
international
students
representing
20 countries

32%

of students
identify as a
student of color

A Day in the Life

Students participate in discussion-based classes, independent study, internships, research/teaching assistantships, and more

2-to-1 advising supports students in customizing their majors, and faculty have expertise in over 50 areas of study

85% of students live on campus in single-occupancy dormitories or apartment-style "mods"

65 clubs and organizations, such as Blacksmith's Guild, Climber's Coalition, and Silicon Frogs Game Collective

OPRA (Outdoor Programs, Recreation, and Athletics). Intercollegiate athletics, club sports, martial arts, fitness classes, and trips

Five College Consortium

In addition to taking classes at Hampshire, students can access courses and extracurricular activities at Amherst College, Mount Holyoke College, Smith College, and the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

- > Expanded course options: more than 5,300 from which to choose each year
- > One of the largest library collections in the country (28 libraries with more than 9 million books)
- > More than 900 student organizations and activities and some 3,400 events each year open to all
- > Recruiting by almost 500 companies
- > The Pioneer Valley Transit Authority, a free bus system connecting the Five Colleges and three towns, runs day and night so students can access all of these opportunities. Hampshire's located in the middle of several key routes, and rides are free with a college ID

For more information about the Five College Consortium, visit www.fivecolleges.edu.

Outcomes

How do you spot a Hampshire alum? You can find them in any field, but they're in their element when confidently navigating change and making the world a better place.

90%

of alums report receiving a job offer within 6 months of graduating

25%

go on to start their own business or non-profit

65%

go on to graduate school within 10 years of leaving Hampshire

top 3%

of colleges and universities sending their alums to earn research PhDs

23

of our alums have received Fulbright Awards since 2011, among the most in the country

95%

of our alums say Hampshire encouraged them to come up with innovative ideas and solutions

The Application process

We've collected and analyzed the stories of our successful students and defined common traits that we look for across the application process. It's holistic and personalized to our campus community. Hampshire students are self-motivated, disciplined, highly empathetic, and have a capacity to reflect on their work. Are you the perfect candidate?

A note on standardized testing: Hampshire is a test-blind college, meaning we do not accept SAT and ACT scores in our admissions practice or consider them at all. Our institutional research shows that SAT/ACT scores do not correlate to student success here, and national research indicates inherent social, economic, and racial biases in these tests.

Apply: for more information on our application process and requirements, visit apply.hampshire.edu.

Financial Aid

We have a strong commitment to making Hampshire affordable for our families.

Students receiving any financial aid: **95%**

Average demonstrated need met: **95%**

Students receiving need-based Hampshire grants: **72%**

Average need-based grant: **\$38,685**

Average financial aid package: **\$44,452**

Merit Scholarship range: **Up to \$28,000 per year for four years***

Average federal student loan debt upon graduation: **\$24,052 (national average: \$29,800)**

Student loan default rate: **3.4% (national average: 10.8%)**

*All applicants are considered for merit scholarships automatically once they've submitted the Common Application.