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MISSION STATEMENT
CALENDAR
THE CORPORATION
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ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL OFFICERS
The Mission of Amherst College

_Terras irradient_
“Let them give light to the world.”
1821

Amherst College educates men and women of exceptional potential from all backgrounds so that they may seek, value, and advance knowledge, engage the world around them, and lead principled lives of consequence.

Amherst brings together the most promising students, whatever their financial need, in order to promote diversity of experience and ideas within a purposefully small residential community. Working with faculty, staff, and administrators dedicated to intellectual freedom and the highest standards of instruction in the liberal arts, Amherst undergraduates assume substantial responsibility for undertaking inquiry and for shaping their education within and beyond the curriculum.

Amherst College is committed to learning through close colloquy and to expanding the realm of knowledge through scholarly research and artistic creation at the highest level. Its graduates link learning with leadership—in service to the College, to their communities, and to the world beyond.
College Calendar

2012

August 26, Sunday. New student orientation begins; first-year residences open at 9 a.m.

August 30, Thursday. Residences open for upper-class students at 9 a.m. (Keys at Campus Police.)

September 3, Monday. Opening Convocation.

September 4, Tuesday. Fall semester classes begin.

September 5, Wednesday. Monday classes will be held.

September 12, Wednesday. Last day to add/drop courses for fall semester.

October 6-9, Saturday-Tuesday. Midsemester break. Residence halls and dining hall remain open.

October 24, Wednesday. Midsemester grades due in Registrar’s Office.

October 26, Friday. Last day for Class of 2013E to take comprehensive exams.

October 26-28, Friday-Sunday. Family Weekend.

October 30, Tuesday. Last day for first-year students and first-semester transfer students to obtain permission to withdraw from a course without penalty.

November 1, Thursday. Deadline for students to apply for spring 2014 withdrawal, readmission, and off-campus housing.

November 1-7, Thursday-Wednesday. Advising Week.

November 8-14, Thursday-Wednesday. Preregistration for spring semester.

November 9-11, Friday-Sunday. Homecoming.

November 17-25, Saturday-Sunday. Thanksgiving vacation.

December 11, Tuesday. Senior honors theses due in Registrar’s Office.

December 12, Wednesday. Last day of fall semester classes. Deadline for Class of 2015E to declare major at Registrar’s Office.

December 13-16, Thursday-Sunday. Reading/Study period.

December 17-21, Monday-Friday. Fall semester examination period.

December 21, Friday. Dining hall closes after dinner.

December 22, Saturday. Residence halls close at 5 p.m.

2013

January 3, Thursday. Fall semester grades due on ACData.

January 6, Sunday. Residences reopen at 9 a.m.


January 11, Friday. Students leaving campus for spring semester must vacate residences by 5 p.m.
January 18, Friday. Students returning to campus after absence may access housing at 9 a.m.

January 22, Tuesday. Spring semester classes begin at the University of Massachusetts.

January 24, Thursday. Spring semester classes begin at Amherst College.

February 1, Friday. Last day to add/drop courses for spring semester.

March 15, Friday. Last day for graduating seniors to take comprehensive exams. Deadline for applications for room draw; off-campus housing; fall 2013 Study Abroad, educational leave, withdrawal and readmission; and special program proposals. Last day for first-year and first-semester transfer students to obtain permission to withdraw from a course without penalty. Mid-term grades due. Dining hall closes after dinner.

March 16-24, Saturday-Sunday. Spring recess.

April 1-5, Monday-Friday. Advising Week.

April 8-12, Monday-Friday. Preregistration for fall semester.

April 9-11, Tuesday-Thursday. Room Draw.

April 15, Monday. Deadline for students to submit spring 2014 Study Abroad and other educational leave requests.

April 25, Thursday. Deadline for upperclass students to apply to renew financial aid.

April 30, Tuesday. Deadline for students to submit Commencement/Reunion housing applications.

May 7, Tuesday. Senior honors theses due in Registrar’s Office at 4 p.m. Honors recommendations due to Registrar. College meeting.

May 8, Wednesday. Last day of spring semester classes. Deadline for Class of 2015 to declare major. Senior Assembly. Deadline for RCs to post summer storage hours.

May 9-13, Thursday-Monday. Reading/Study Period.

May 14-18, Tuesday-Saturday. Spring semester examination period.

May 19, Sunday. Residences close for non-graduating students at 5 p.m.

May 20, Monday. Senior grades due at 9 a.m.

May 22, Wednesday. Grades due for non-seniors at 4 p.m.

May 26, Sunday. Commencement. Residences close for graduates at 5 p.m.

May 29-June 2, Wednesday-Sunday. Alumni Holiday and Reunion.

June 1, Saturday. Deadline for upperclass students to request early return in September.

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