A Walking Tour of Amherst
Welcome to Amherst College! We appreciate your interest in Amherst and hope you will find this guide to the campus and town helpful during your visit. While we’ve tried to present a comprehensive campus tour in these pages, we encourage you to visit the college’s website at www.amherst.edu to learn more.

If you would like to receive an information packet, including copies of our “Viewbook” and our “Financial Aid at Amherst” brochure, please sign up through the “Join Our Mailing List” link at www.amherst.edu/admission/mailing_list.

You may contact the Admission Office by phone at (413) 542-2328, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or by email at admission@amherst.edu.

A printed campus map is included at the center of this booklet. An online version of the campus map is available at www.amherst.edu/aboutamherst/visiting/map. A narrated virtual tour is available at www.amherst.edu/aboutamherst/visiting/virtualtour.

Thanks very much for visiting Amherst College. Enjoy your tour!
Amherst College was founded in 1821 by community members living in and around the Town of Amherst. Their goal was to create an institution of higher learning for “the education of indigent young men of piety for the Christian ministry.” In the years since its inception, Amherst College’s population has expanded far beyond the young men who were the institution’s first students.

Our students today more fully reflect the talent and diversity of the wider world. The college has grown to 1,800 undergraduate students and 200 full-time faculty members. Amherst relinquished its religious affiliation more than 100 years ago and became coed in the mid-1970s. Today the male–female ratio at Amherst is about 50–50. Students represent 48 states and more than 50 foreign countries. Approximately 40 percent of our U.S. students identify as students of color—African-American, Asian-American, Latino/a or multiracial. Amherst continues to follow a need-blind admission policy for all U.S. and international applicants. This means a student’s ability to pay is not a factor in the admission process. Additionally, our no-loan policy means that Amherst’s financial aid packages include only scholarship grants and work opportunities, with no required loan components. We also guarantee that 100 percent of a student’s demonstrated financial need will be met with financial aid, ensuring that students from all backgrounds will be able to afford an Amherst education. In 2011–12, more than 70 percent of our students received financial aid of some kind to attend Amherst, and the average finan-
cial aid package provided by Amherst exceeded $44,000.

Among the advantages of being at a small college such as Amherst are the relationships students are able to develop with professors. Many Amherst students say that the degree to which they interact with faculty members is the best thing about being at Amherst. Since the average class size at Amherst is 16 students and the student–faculty ratio is 8 to 1, professors are able to give individualized attention to the students in their classes. Students work directly with their professors in developing papers, performing lab work and preparing for tests. It’s also important to know that all courses are taught by Amherst’s remarkable faculty members; no classes are led by graduate student teaching assistants. Because there are no graduate students at Amherst, the focus here is on providing the strongest undergraduate education possible.

Amherst College is one of a handful of colleges in the country to offer an open curriculum. Amherst students are required to take a First-Year Seminar and complete departmental requirements for their declared majors, but Amherst does not have any core or general education requirements that it expects all students to fulfill. The open curriculum allows Amherst students to explore a variety of academic interests, pursue multiple majors or areas of concentration and study specific subjects in depth early in their academic careers. In our experience, the open curriculum does not result in academic tunnel vision; instead, guided by their faculty advisors, students explore a wide range of academic disciplines. In fact, about 85 percent of Amherst students fulfill what would be traditional distribution requirements by graduation, but they select courses and develop interests based on their own academic evolution and not a set of institutional requirements.

Amherst is a part of the Five College Consortium with Hampshire College, Mount Holyoke College, Smith College and the University of Massachusetts. Because there is cross-registration among the five schools, Amherst students can take advantage of the breadth of courses offered by all the colleges, not just one. A majority of Amherst students will take at least one course at one of the other colleges over four years. Even students who don’t choose to take courses at the other colleges take advantage of the many cultural opportunities in the Pioneer Valley. With about 30,000 college students in the area, there are always lectures, concerts, plays, art exhibitions and other cultural events taking place. To learn more about the Five College activities that take place every year, visit the Five College event website at www.calendar.fivecolleges.edu.

Would you like to come back?

After taking your own tour, if you decide you’d like to come back and take a student-led tour, attend a group information session or visit a class, please consult the “Visit Amherst” section of our website at www.amherst.edu/admission or call the Office of Admission at (413)542-2328.
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Known as “The College on the Hill,” the Amherst College campus embraces 1,000 acres, including top-notch academic, athletic and residential facilities; a 300-acre wildlife sanctuary; and access to a 10-mile bike path. The parts of campus most frequented by students will be covered on this tour.

1. Wilson Admission Center
From the main door of the Admission Office, walk down the front path and turn right along the sidewalk to begin your walking tour.

2. Kirby Memorial Theater
Next door to the Admission Office, you will find Kirby Theater on your right. Behind its 1930s neoclassical exterior are state-of-the-art performance facilities with computerized lighting and sound systems, catwalks and stretch wire grids. Kirby, a 400-seat prosценium theater, serves as the primary stage for Amherst College theater productions. Extending behind Kirby is Holden Theater, a fully equipped, 4,000-square-foot experimental black-box theater that expands the variety and versatility of Amherst’s performance spaces. Holden connects Kirby to the Webster Center, which houses dance, acting, directing and design studios, as well as additional performance spaces.

3. Japanese Garden
Once you pass Kirby Theater, turn right and head uphill toward Webster Center. As you walk up the hill, you will pass a Japanese Garden on your right. The garden is called Yūshien, which loosely translates to “Garden of Friendship.” Its stone steps and unopened bamboo gate invite us to meditate on the question of “What lies beyond the gate after we ascend the difficult stone path?” The garden was designed and installed at Amherst in recognition of the college’s special relationship with Doshisha University in Kyoto, Japan. Doshisha was founded in 1875 by Joseph Hardy Neesima, a young samurai who graduated from Amherst College in 1870.

The motto on the college seal, Terras Irradient, means “Let them give light to the world.”

As declared in the college’s Mission Statement, “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.”
**4. Webster Center**
At the top of the hill, you will find Webster Center. Webster is home to the Amherst Center for Russian Culture, the Department of Russian, the Department of Asian Languages and Civilizations, the Creative Writing Center and a portion of the Department of Theater and Dance. The Center for Russian Culture was founded in 1991 through the generosity of Thomas P. Whitney, Class of 1937, who donated his extensive holdings of Russian manuscripts, periodicals, newspapers and rare books and made a $1 million donation to sustain the project. With the world’s largest private collection of its kind, the Center has become a nucleus for Russian cultural activities and research by scholars throughout the world.

**5. First-Year Quadrangle**
If you stand with your back to Webster Center and face the large, open lawn, you will have a great view of the First-Year Quadrangle. To the far right, in the southeast corner of the quad, is a statue of Robert Frost, the namesake of the college’s library and a member of the Amherst faculty from 1917 until his death in 1963. Designed by sculptor Penelope Jencks, the statue was carved by artisans in Italy, using a single block of black granite from Zimbabwe, and installed in 2007 as a 50th Reunion gift to the college from the Class of 1957.

**College Row—Johnson Chapel, North College and South College**
On your left you will see College Row, which includes the three oldest buildings on campus. In the center is Johnson Chapel, completed in 1827, flanked on the left and right by North College and South College. Completed in 1821, South housed the entire college until North was built in 1823. The original construction of the three buildings of College Row was made possible by donations from local members of the community, most notably Noah Webster, first president of the Amherst College Board of Trustees and creator of *Webster’s Dictionary*, and Emily Dickinson’s grandfather Samuel Fowler Dickinson. Fully renovated in recent years,

Nicknames for Amherst’s section of the Connecticut River Valley include the “Pioneer Valley,” the “Asparagus Valley” and, yes, the “Happy Valley.”

Historically, Amherst’s main athletic rivals have been Williams College and Wesleyan University. Founded by the three schools as the “Triangular League” in 1899, this unofficial athletic conference acquired the nickname “Little Three” in the 1920s. Since then, the Amherst-Wesleyan-Williams athletic rivalry has been fiercely contested in multiple sports.
North and South now serve as first-year residence halls. Johnson Chapel is the home of the English Department’s offices and classrooms, as well as the Film and Media Studies Program. The second-floor chapel itself is now used for all-campus meetings, lectures and musical performances and as a nondenominational space for student religious services.

**Charles Pratt Dormitory and James and Stearns Halls**

On your right, you will see Charles Pratt Dormitory. The building originally was constructed in 1885 as the Pratt Gymnasium, the first college building endowed by an alumnus, Charles Pratt of the Class of 1879. In 1951, the building was converted into the Pratt Museum, and it housed the college’s natural history collection for several decades. After undergoing another large-scale renovation, the Charles Pratt building reopened in 2007 as the newest and largest first-year dormitory on campus. On the first floor of Charles Pratt is the Writing Center, part of the system of academic support services available to all students at Amherst. Under the supervision of faculty directors, a staff of professional writing instructors and trained peer tutors work with students at every stage of the writing process, in individual sessions and workshops. The Writing Center also provides specialized services for senior thesis writers. On the east side of the quad, you will see James and Stearns Halls. These first-year dormitories are connected by a unique underground tunnel. In 2005, the original James and Stearns buildings were torn down and rebuilt. Each of the new dormitories houses 85 first-year students in one-room and two-room doubles. The backs of the buildings feature gracefully curved facades that flank the courtyard shared with the Mead Art Museum.

**Frost Library**

Straight ahead of you, on the north side of the quad, you will see Robert Frost Library. Dedicated in 1963 by President John F. Ken-
nedy in one of his last public appearances prior to his assassination, the library is named in recognition of poet Robert Frost’s 40 years of service and teaching at Amherst. Serving as both a college library and a Federal Depository Library, Frost contains more than 1.4 million volumes and more than 130,000 electronic and print journal titles, as well as extensive and varied holdings of rare and historical materials housed in the library’s Archives and Special Collections. (Other specialized academic collections are located around campus in the Keefe Science Library, the Morgan Music Library, the Olds Mathematics Reading Room and the Center for Russian Culture.) In addition to 20 specialized research/reference computers, Frost Library offers over 50 PC and Mac stations, audiovisual facilities, extensive individual and group study areas and the Frost Café, one of the college’s newest campus gathering spots for students and faculty. Hours vary with the academic calendar, but generally the library is open until 1 a.m. Sunday through Friday and until 11 p.m. on Saturdays, with extended hours during exam periods. In the summer, Frost is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Barrett Hall
To the right of Frost Library is a small, gray building called Barrett Hall, which houses the Departments of German, French and Spanish. The building was originally a gymnasium—one of the first and most advanced gyms in North America. Amherst was the first college in the “New World” to establish an organized athletic department.

6. Pratt Quad
If you walk across the First-Year Quadrangle and behind Frost Library, you will enter Pratt Quad, surrounded by Morris Pratt Dormitory, Morrow Dormitory, Grosvenor House and Arms Music Center. In the center of the quad is a statue of Noah Webster, the first president of Amherst’s Board of Trustees and creator of Webster’s Dictionary.

If you travel east on Route 9, you will enter the town of Pelham, home of Daniel Shays, who marched through Amherst and across the Connecticut River to the Northampton Courthouse in 1787, sparking “Shays’ Rebellion” in the Massachusetts countryside against the new federal government and its taxes.
Morris Pratt and Morrow Dormitories
If you stand in front of the Webster statue facing Route 9, you will see Morris Pratt Dormitory on your left and Morrow Dormitory on your right. Morrow and Morris Pratt are typically used to house sophomore and junior students at Amherst. In 2006, the buildings underwent major renovations that included modernizing the bedrooms, floor lounges and bathrooms. Additionally, the first floors of both buildings were redesigned to create student office and meeting spaces for clubs and organizations on campus.

Arms Music Center
Next door to Morris Pratt Dormitory, toward Route 9, you will find Arms Music Center, which houses Buckley Recital Hall, a 500-seat performance space. There are also rehearsal spaces for vocal and instrumental groups, the Vincent Morgan Music Library, an electronic music studio, classrooms, offices, storage lockers for instruments and 17 music practice rooms. Music majors and non-majors alike have access to the practice rooms and most of the other facilities in the Music Center.

Lipton House
If you look across the street from Arms Music Center, you will see Lipton House, one of the former fraternity houses that became upperclass dormitories when fraternities were abolished on the Amherst campus in 1984. Several other former fraternity houses have been converted into “theme houses” for upperclass students. Theme housing at Amherst includes Charles Drew House (African-American Culture House), Asian Culture House, La Casa Culture House, Marsh Arts House, German Culture House, Russian Culture House, French Culture House, Spanish Culture House and Humphries Co-Op House.

Grosvenor House
At the northeast corner of Pratt Quad, across the driveway from Arms Music Center, you will see a small, yellow building called
Grosvenor House. This renovated farmhouse is home to the Classics Department and the Women’s and Gender Studies Department.

7. Valentine Quad
If you are standing on the edge of Pratt Quad and facing Grosvenor House, turn right and walk east toward Valentine Dining Hall. When you reach the dining hall on your left, look to the right and you will have a view of Valentine Quadrangle. The quadrangle is framed by Valentine Dining Hall, Fayerweather Hall (on the left), Chapin Hall (directly across) and the back of Morrow Dormitory (on the right).

Valentine Dining Hall
Students eat their meals in Valentine, designed with a central serving area and numerous small seating areas for groups of students to share meals. Valentine offers two meal plans—an all-inclusive “3 Meals/7 Days” plan and a “2 Meals + ‘Bonus Bucks’” plan. All food is prepared by Amherst College Dining Services instead of a national or regional service. Students can enjoy a full range of menu choices—traditional fare, pizza, stir-fry, grill, deli, pasta and salad bars. Menus are developed to offer fresh, natural, low-fat, vegetarian and heart-healthy options, as well as kosher options at holidays. The Dining Services staff is happy to work with students with special dietary needs, and the dining hall has extended hours to accommodate a variety of student schedules. Lewis-Sebring Commons, located in the east end of Valentine, is open to faculty, staff and administrators, who may invite students to join them for meals at this smaller dining room.

Fayerweather Hall
Fayerweather was designed as a chemistry and physics building in the 1890s by the famous architectural firm of McKim, Mead & White. The building underwent an $11 million renovation in 2002. The classic, brick Italian Renaissance Revival structure houses Amherst’s Department of Art and the History of Art, including the Elihu Root Art Collection. The building houses the reading room and amphitheater, as well as other art and art history classrooms and studios.

One of Amherst’s first librarians was Melvil Dewey, Class of 1874. The Dewey Decimal System was formulated, in part, in Morgan Hall.

After more than 150 years as an all-male institution, Amherst became coeducational through a 1974 vote of the Faculty and the Board of Trustees. In 1976, nine female transfer students became the first women graduates of the college, followed by the first group of four-year women graduates in the Class of 1980. Today the male-female ratio at Amherst is about 50-50.
The lawns of Garman and Lipton were venues for games with the early “flying discs,” pie pans whose aerodynamic abilities led to their being marketed as Frisbees in the 1960s.

Amherst College holds the world’s largest collection of dinosaur footprints. All 10,000 tracks were collected in the mid-1800s by the brilliant and ambitious Amherst College geologist Edward Hitchcock, professor of chemistry and natural history and the college’s first curator of zoological and geological collections.

Marsh Gallery, where many exhibitions of student and non-student work are held. The building includes photographic laboratories, sculpture studios and working space for honors students on the lower level; a lecture hall and two large classrooms, which are fully media-equipped, on the first floor; a visual resources collection on the second floor; and spaces devoted to fixed image study in the attic.

**Chapin Hall**

Chapin is a classroom building and the home of the History and Religion Departments, as well as Chapin Chapel. Chapin Chapel is a nondenominational chapel, open to the college community. Religious activities in the chapel are organized by the staff of The Cadigan Center for Religious Life, which is located west of Route 116 on Woodside Avenue. The Cadigan Center houses the offices of the religious advisors, several meeting areas for student religious groups and two small kitchens (one for general use and one for kosher/halal meal preparation). The Center sponsors activities such as lectures, coffeehouses and workshops throughout the school year.

8. **Beneski Earth Sciences Building and Beneski Museum of Natural History**

To exit Valentine Quad, follow the path that takes you between Fayerweather and Chapin Halls. As you leave the quad, heading toward the large yellow building, take a look down the hill at the red building with the slatted facade. This is the Beneski Earth Sciences Building and Beneski Museum of Natural History, which opened in 2006. The building, which houses the Geology Department, has received several architectural awards and features an innovative grouping of teaching spaces, research labs and faculty offices. The museum contains three floors of exhibits and more than 1,700 individual specimens on display. The entrance floor features freestanding fossil skeletons, including a mammoth, mastodon and saber-toothed cat. The museum is open Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Thursday evenings, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. There is no admission charge.
Amherst offers instruction in French, Spanish, Japanese, Chinese, Russian, Greek, Latin, German and Arabic. Other languages offered in the Five Colleges include Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Korean, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Sanskrit, Swahili, Turkish, Urdu, Yiddish and Yoruba.

9. Keefe Campus Center
The next stop on the tour is the yellow building ahead of you, the Keefe Campus Center. The Campus Center is one of the primary meeting places on campus. On its first floor are several meeting lounges, student mailboxes, a sandwich and snack bar (Schwemm’s) and the Center for Community Engagement. Posters and bulletin boards in the main atrium keep students aware of the lectures, performances, movies, meetings and other events on campus for the day and coming week. On the second floor are more lounges and study spaces and a performance space called the Friedmann Room. The Campus Center also houses a movie theater and offices for several student organizations—including the student government (Association of Amherst Students), the student-run radio station (WAMH, 89.3 FM) and the student newspaper (The Amherst Student). Amherst has roughly 140 student clubs and organizations, multiple publications, about 15 performance groups, 27 varsity sports teams and many club and intramural athletic opportunities. Students have ample opportunity to get involved in these various organizations or create their own student groups.

10. Social Dorms and King and Wieland Halls
As you exit the Keefe Campus Center, turn left along the sidewalk toward Merrill Science Center, the large red-brick structure. As you do so, you will see a set of buildings known collectively as the Social Dorms down the hill on your left. These buildings house sophomores, juniors and seniors in suites of four to six bedrooms arranged around common rooms. Closer to Merrill and also off to the left, you will see two large, gray buildings. These upperclass student dormitories are King and Wieland Halls. Each building has a relatively small floor plan with 15 single-occupant rooms per floor. The limited number of rooms per floor and generous common spaces help foster a strong sense of community.

About 45 percent of Amherst students spend a semester or a full year studying abroad before they graduate. Amherst students are free to enroll in more than 230 programs around the world.
11. Mead Art Museum
Atop the hill on your right is the Mead Art Museum, which holds a collection of more than 16,000 works from many cultures and historical periods. The Mead’s superb collection of American art is considered one of the finest and most varied in any academic institution. Other highlights of the Mead’s internationally renowned permanent collection include paintings by European Old Masters, ancient Assyrian carvings, Russian modern art, West African sculpture and Mexican ceramics. With the recent addition of more than 2,500 Japanese woodblock prints, the Mead’s ranks as one of the major collections of ukiyo-e in the country. During the academic year, the museum is open 9 a.m. to midnight Tuesday through Thursday and Sunday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday; during college breaks, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. There is no admission charge.

12. Merrill Science Center and Merrill Beach
Named for Charles E. Merrill, Class of 1908 (of Merrill Lynch fame), Merrill Science Center is home to the Departments of Physics, Psychology, Chemistry and Astronomy. Merrill Science Center also contains the Keefe Science Library. The building is designed so that the further you progress in the sciences, the deeper into the building you venture. Introductory classes meet in the lecture halls off the lobby, while labs and other research facilities are located on the other levels. It is in these labs (and those in the adjacent McGuire Life Sciences Building) that many science honors students pursue their independent research projects. Research facilities include several advanced laser labs, nuclear magnetic resonance machines and photospectrometers. All these labs and research facilities are available to students with the guidance of department professors. In addition, the Science Center houses the Moss Quantitative Skills Center, where students can get assistance in quantitatively oriented disciplines, such as math, the sciences and economics.
If you enter Merrill and pass through the lobby to the glass double doors on your left, you will walk out onto a large terrace, affectionately known as “Merrill Beach.” The Beach has a commanding view of the Holyoke Range and the college’s playing fields and tennis courts, as well as the indoor facilities off to your right. (The football field, softball diamond and outdoor track are on Hitchcock Road in the neighborhood across the street from the Admission Office.) The Wildlife Sanctuary lies beyond the tennis courts as you look south toward the mountains. A 10-mile bicycle trail runs through the sanctuary and continues roughly parallel to Route 9 all the way to Northampton; students find it to be a beautiful and accessible place to run, bike and rollerblade.

13. McGuire Life Sciences Building
From the lobby of Merrill, if you proceed down the hall to your right, you will see signs for the McGuire Life Sciences Building. At the end of the hall, take a right and you will enter the Life Sciences Building. (If you are visiting campus during an academic day, we invite you to walk through this beautiful facility. Unfortunately, only students and faculty can enter this building on evenings and weekends, so we apologize if it is locked!) Life Sciences is home to the Biology Department, the Neuroscience Program and the Biochemistry and Biophysics Program. This $16 million addition to the Merrill Science Center includes state-of-the-art teaching and research laboratories and was funded in part by a grant from the National Science Foundation. The creation of the McGuire Life Sciences Building has allowed for an increasing emphasis on interdisciplinary work among the sciences and improved sharing of resources among the various science departments at Amherst.

14. Seeley G. Mudd Building
Once you exit the Life Sciences Building, turn left and walk along the path to the Seeley G. Mudd Building on your left. Affectionately called “SMudd,” this building houses the Departments of Math–
In 1857, Massachusetts Gov. Joel Hayden presented Amherst College with a bronze statue of the mythical nymph Sabrina. The focus of many generations of student pranksters, Sabrina is now safely stored at an undisclosed location, but her presence remains alive as the namesake of The Sabrinas, Amherst’s oldest all-female a cappella group. With six active groups, a cappella singing is one of the most popular activities and enduring traditions at Amherst, where close to half the student body is involved in a broad range of vocal and instrumental music groups.

In mathematics and Computer Science and the George D. Olds Mathematics Reading Room, as well as Information Technology’s offices for Desktop Computing and Academic Technology. Classrooms are located on the ground floor, professors’ offices are located in the tower, and a journal collection and reading room are located on the top floor. On the lower floor of Seeley Mudd, the Computer Center is open 18 hours every day during the academic year; during exams, it remains open as long as any student needs to be there. The Computer Center (and nearby Webster Computer Classroom) have more than 40 PC and Mac computer stations (for word processing, as well as access to the Internet, Web publishing tools and Unix, to mention only a few uses), plus scanners and printers (for color laser, large-format and duplex printing). Seeley Mudd also houses a 12-station Multimedia Lab and a 16-station Video Editing Lab. The Amherst network supports both wired and wireless connections. The wired network runs Ethernet. Wireless is available in all residence halls and all academic, administrative and student services buildings, as well as the First-Year, Valentine and Pratt Quads.

15. War Memorial

Once you exit Seeley Mudd, walk to the left along the south end of the First-Year Quad toward Webster Center. Just before you reach Webster, turn left away from the quad and you will see the War Memorial. Completed in 1946, the memorial and the athletic fields adjacent to Memorial Hill were dedicated by John J. McCloy, Class of 1916, Assistant Secretary of War during World War I and U.S. High Commissioner to Germany following the war. The memorial bears the names of Amherst alumni who lost their lives in the various theaters of combat during World Wars I and II. With its commanding view of Memorial Field and the Holyoke Range, this location offers one of the most iconic and beloved vistas on the Amherst campus. It is here that graduating seniors begin their procession as part of the annual Commencement ceremony on the First-Year Quad.
**16. Athletic Center**

Follow the path down the hill from the War Memorial. To the right you will see the indoor athletic facilities of the college. The complex has been renovated frequently over the years to improve the facilities in ways that benefit both Amherst’s student-athletes and the college community as a whole. The most recent $13.4 million renovation included the addition of the 8,000-square-foot Wolff Fitness Center. With a full range of cardiovascular, weight and exercise equipment, the fitness center is widely regarded as the best such facility in the NESCAC (New England Small College Athletic Conference). Closest to you are the Davenport Squash Courts. Le-Frak Gymnasium is the structure with the peaked roof. In between is Pratt Pool, while Alumni Gymnasium lies farthest to the right. Peeking above Alumni Gym is the glass roof of Coolidge Cage, an indoor training facility for field sports, tennis and track and field. Behind all these structures, hidden from your view at the bottom of the hill, is Orr Rink. The football field, softball diamond and outdoor track are on Hitchcock Road in the neighborhood across the street from the Admission Office.

As the path from the War Memorial to the Athletic Center forks, follow the path to the right alongside the squash courts, and you’ll arrive back at the Wilson Admission Center.

We hope you enjoyed your tour of the campus. As you are leaving campus, you may want to drive by or visit the following buildings, which are located just off Route 116 as you head north toward the town center.

**17. The Octagon**

If you take a right onto Route 116 as you leave the circular driveway from the Admission Office, you will see an octagon-shaped, yellow building on your right at the top of the hill. The Octagon was built in 1848 as an observatory. It now houses a classroom and offices, including the Gerald Penny ’77 Memorial Cultural Center of the Black Student Union.

Amherst’s varsity athletic teams go by the nickname “Lord Jeffs,” with uniforms of purple and white.

Amherst College’s Department of Law, Jurisprudence and Social Thought (LJST) takes an interdisciplinary approach to the study of law and legal institutions as historically evolving and culturally specific enterprises. Established in 1992, LJST is the first legal studies department of its kind at a liberal arts college.
18. Converse Hall

After you pass The Octagon, you will approach another building on your right, Converse Hall. Converse was once Amherst’s main library (hence the inscription on the lintel), but now it is the main administration building, housing the Offices of the President, Dean of the Faculty, Registrar, Human Resources, Public Affairs, Financial Aid and Dean of Students. The Office of the Dean of Students provides many services to assist students, including New Student Orientation, Class Dean advising for first-year and upperclass students and programs for Residential Life and Health Education. In addition, the college provides a Health Center, Counseling Center and Office of Campus Police to promote the safety and health of all members of the Amherst community. Converse also houses classrooms and the Department of Economics. To the left of Converse is a small bus shelter. This is Amherst’s stop on the route of the Five College bus service. The bus is free during the school year and provides multiple-route service to the other four schools in the area (Hampshire College, Mount Holyoke College, Smith College and the University of Massachusetts Amherst) seven days a week. The bus system is an integral part of facilitating the academic and extracurricular interactions of students at the Five Colleges. Amherst students are free to enroll in courses, as well as attend and participate in activities and events, at the other colleges.

19. College Hall (Career Center)

As you reach the stoplight on the corner of Route 116 and Route 9, you will see a large yellow building on your left, College Hall. Originally a Congregational church, College Hall now houses the Offices of the Treasurer and Comptroller and the Career Center. In 2005, the Career Center was moved into a newly renovated space on the first floor of College Hall that includes a large resource library, computer stations, interview rooms, private advising rooms and a large conference space. The Career Center provides career counseling, job and internship opportunities, graduate- and
professional-school advising, fellowships, international study and work programs, public interest programs and access to the Amherst Alumni Career Network.

**Looking for an Amherst T-Shirt?**
Amherst College does not operate its own on-campus store. However, a large selection of Amherst College clothing and merchandise is available at A.J. Hastings, 45 South Pleasant Street, near the town green of Amherst.

**ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS**

If you would like to locate any specific academic departments or programs while you are on campus, please consult the list below:

- American Studies  **Morgan Hall**
- Anthropology  **Morgan Hall**
- Architectural Studies  **Barrett Hall**
- Art and the History of Art  **Fayerweather Hall**
- Asian Languages and Civilizations  **Webster Center**
- Astronomy  **Merrill Science Center**
- Biology  **McGuire Life Sciences Building**
- Black Studies  **Cooper House**
- Chemistry  **Merrill Science Center**
- Classics  **Grosvenor House**
- Computer Science  **Seeley Mudd Building**
- Creative Writing Center  **Webster Hall**
- Economics  **Converse Hall**
- English  **Johnson Chapel**
- Environmental Studies  **Morgan Hall**
- European Studies  **Converse Hall**
- Film and Media Studies  **Johnson Chapel**
- French  **Barrett Hall**
- Geology  **Beneski Earth Sciences Building and Beneski Museum of Natural History**
- German  **Barrett Hall**
- Greek  **Grosvenor House**
- History  **Chapin Hall**
- Latin  **Grosvenor House**
- Law, Jurisprudence and Social Thought  **Clark House**
- Mathematics  **Seeley Mudd Building**
- Music  **Arms Music Center**
- Neuroscience  **Merrill Science Center**
- Philosophy  **Cooper House**
- Physics  **Merrill Science Center**
- Political Science  **Clark House**
- Psychology  **Merrill Science Center**
- Religion  **Chapin Hall**
- Russian  **Webster Center**
- Sociology  **Morgan Hall**
- Spanish  **Barrett Hall**
- Theater and Dance  **Webster Center**
- Women’s and Gender Studies  **Grosvenor House**
Though we make no specific recommendations, lodging options near Amherst College are listed below. (Websites for these places, as well as for bed and breakfast or camping accommodations, are available at www.amherst.edu/aboutamherst/visiting/lodging.)

ADJACENT TO CAMPUS

The Lord Jeffery Inn
30 Boltwood Avenue, Amherst

ONE TO FIVE MILES FROM CAMPUS (Amherst/Hadley)

Campus Center Hotel
University of Massachusetts, (877) 822-2110

Comfort Inn
237 Russell Street/Route 9, Hadley, (413) 584-9816

Courtyard Marriott
423 Russell Street/Route 9, Hadley, (413) 256-5454

Econo Lodge
329 Russell Street/Route 9, Hadley, (413) 582-7077

Hampton Inn
24 Bay Road, Hadley, (413) 586-4851

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites
400 Russell Street/Route 9, Hadley, (413) 582-0002

Howard Johnson Inn
401 Russell Street/Route 9, Hadley, (413) 586-0114

Knights Inn
208 Russell Street/Route 9, Hadley, (413) 585-1552

University Lodge
345 N. Pleasant Street, Amherst, (413) 256-8111

SIX TO TEN MILES FROM CAMPUS

Autumn Inn
259 Elm Street, Northampton, (413) 584-7660

Clarion Hotel
1 Atwood Drive, Northampton, (413) 586-1211

Deerfield Inn
Main Street, Historic Deerfield, (413) 774-5587

Hotel Northampton
36 King Street, Northampton, (413) 584-3100

Quality Inn
117 Conz Street, Northampton, (413) 586-1500

Red Roof Inn
9 Greenfield Road/Route 5, South Deerfield, (413) 665-7161

Whately Inn
193 Chestnut Plain Road/Routes 5 & 10, Whately, (413) 665-3044
Here are a few places frequented by Amherst students and faculty. All are located on or just off Pleasant Street in the center of town, within walking distance of campus.

**Amherst Chinese Food**  
*Chinese. Casual. Affordable.* One of the many excellent Chinese restaurants in the town of Amherst.  
62 Main Street. (413) 992–6181

**Antonio’s**  
*Pizza by the slice. Very casual. Inexpensive.* Highly recommended! A veritable tourist attraction, Antonio’s is the pizza capital of the Northeast. There are always throngs of food fanatics in search of the daily specials, which offer creative combinations of delicious toppings and a perfect crust. Seating is very limited, and take-out is a recommended option.  
Every Amherst student knows Antonio’s, and we feel you should as well.  
31 North Pleasant Street. (413) 253–0808

**Bertucci’s**  
*Pizza/Italian entrées. Casual. Affordable.* No Antonio’s, but plenty of seating. Part of the Bertucci’s chain, and probably no different from the one in your own hometown. Everything from soup and salad to pizza and pasta.  
51 East Pleasant Street. (413) 549–1900

**The Black Sheep**  
*Coffee, pastries, sandwiches. Very casual. Affordable.*  
Great for a quick bite or lingering over a cup of coffee, the Black Sheep is best known for its wide variety of coffees, sizeable desserts and fresh sandwiches. A local favorite.  
79 Main Street. (413) 253–3442

**Bruegger’s**  
*Fresh bagels and coffee. Very casual. Inexpensive.*  
A decent New England version of the New York original and a franchise of the national chain. Very crowded in the early morning. Soup and sandwiches are available as well.  
170 North Pleasant Street. (413) 253–5713

**Bueno Y Sano**  
*Mexican. Casual. Affordable.* “Good and healthy.” The burritos and tacos here are made to order, with freshness in mind. Several vegetarian menu options as well. A student favorite!  
1 Boltwood Walk. (413) 253–4000

**Fresh Side**  
39 South Pleasant Street. (413) 256–0296

**High Horse Brewery & Bistro**  
*Burgers, salads, sandwiches, etc. Casual. Affordable.*  
Lunch and dinner, plus weekend brunch. Locally brewed beer and “wicked fancy” pub food. Looking for a late-night menu? They have one.  
24 North Pleasant Street. (413) 230–3034

**Judie’s**  
*Sandwiches, salads, etc. Casual to dressy. Affordable to expensive.* Try one of Judie’s funky sandwiches on either a croissant or one of her world-renowned popovers. Be sure to leave room for dessert, whether you choose chocolate raspberry bash, derby pie or one of the layer cakes! Definitely an Amherst favorite!  
51 North Pleasant Street. (413) 253–3491
**Lone Wolf**

*Breakfast and lunch. Very casual. Affordable.*

Delicious breakfast of all kinds and lunches featuring Southwest-style dishes.
63 Main Street. (413) 256-4628

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**Loose Goose Café**

*Sandwiches, soups, salads, etc. Very casual. Affordable.*

A large selection of interesting sandwich combinations, made with an assortment of homemade breads. Desserts (including all-natural “Sugar Jones” cookies), smoothies, milkshakes and organic/fair trade coffees.
1 East Pleasant Street. (413) 549-4667

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**Johnny’s Tavern at the Lord Jeffery Inn**

*New American. Casual. Affordable to expensive.*

Using organic produce, sustainable seafood and hormone-free meat and poultry whenever possible, the menu offers a wide variety of salads, flatbreads, sandwiches and entrées. Something for everyone!
30 Boltwood Walk. (413) 230-3818

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**30 Boltwood at the Lord Jeffery Inn**


A full-service restaurant located in the newly renovated Lord Jeffery Inn, offering an elegant and comfortable atmosphere and a menu emphasizing farm-to-table cuisine prepared with natural, farm-fresh local ingredients.
30 Boltwood Avenue. (413) 256-8200

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**Bistro 63 at the Monkey Bar & Grill**

*New American. Casual. Affordable to expensive.*

Contemporary menu offering an eclectic blend of Cajun, Mediterranean and Asian-inspired fare. An outdoor patio for alfresco dining in the summer.
63 North Pleasant Street. (413) 259-1600

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**Moti**


Traditional Iranian dishes influenced by Lebanese, Greek, Turkish, Indian and Israeli cooking, emphasizing fresh ingredients and exotic seasonings.
25 North Pleasant Street. (413) 259-2150

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**Panda East**


Great lunch specials and reasonable dinner options abound. A student and faculty favorite because of their enthusiastic and rapid service. Try their dumplings (steamed or fried) and their Kung Pao, House Special Chicken or katsu-don if you can’t decide. There is also a sushi bar.
103 North Pleasant Street. (413) 256-8923

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**Paradise of India**

*Indian. Casual. Affordable.*

An elegant restaurant serving North Indian Tandoori cuisine. Reservations accepted.
87 Main Street. (413) 256-1067

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**Pasta E Basta**

*Italian. Casual. Affordable.*

Generous portions of classic Italian–American dishes at reasonable prices. Mix-and-match pastas and sauces, from the basic to the adventurous.
26 Main Street. (413) 256-3550

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**The Pub**

*Burgers, salads, sandwiches, etc. Casual. Affordable.*

In addition to typical pub food, they offer an extensive menu, including Mexican, Italian and grill specialties. Lots of great appetizers and desserts. An extensive list of regional microbrewed beers is also available.
15 East Pleasant Street. (413) 549-1200
Outdoor Activities
For those who wish to enjoy the lovely scenery of the Pioneer Valley by hiking and/or biking, there are several areas nearby. The college’s Wildlife Sanctuary, located to the east of and adjacent to the tennis courts, offers wonderful trails for walking or jogging. The Norwottuck Rail Trail runs through the Wildlife Sanctuary, with access paths behind the tennis courts and next to Orr Rink. The trail is a 10-mile walking, rollerblading and biking path running from Amherst to Northampton, passing over the Connecticut River. (It is about seven miles from campus to the river.) For a hike in the Holyoke Range, the Notch Visitors’ Center is a great starting point. It’s located 4.5 miles south of Amherst College on Route 116, just at the top of the mountain on the way to South Hadley.

Basketball Hall of Fame
Off Route 91, Springfield. (413) 781–6500
The world’s only shrine to basketball, in the city in which the sport was invented. The Hall of Fame features state-of-the-art exhibits, interactive videos, movie theaters, a shooting and jumping arcade and more. Admission charge.

Beneski Museum of Natural History
Amherst College, Amherst. (413) 542–2165
Displays of fossilized vertebrates and invertebrates, including dinosaurs and a mastodon, along with an extensive collection of minerals, crystals and meteorites. Admission free.

Emily Dickinson Museum
280 Main Street, Amherst. (413) 542–8161
The homestead of one of America’s greatest poets. Admission charge.

Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art
125 West Bay Road, Amherst. (413) 658–1100
Founded in part by Eric Carle, the renowned author and illustrator of more than 70 books, including the 1969 classic The Very Hungry Caterpillar, The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art is the first full-scale museum in this country devoted to national and international picture book art. Admission charge.

FOR COFFEE/DESSERTS:

Amherst Coffee
28 Amity Street
Henion Bakery
174 North Pleasant Street

Bart’s Homemade Ice Cream
103 North Pleasant Street
Rao’s Coffee Roasting Company
17 Kellogg Avenue

FroyoWorld
23 North Pleasant Street
Starbucks
71 North Pleasant Street

GoBerry
28 Amity Street
**Historic Deerfield**
Off Routes 5 and 10, Deerfield. (413) 774-5581
Historic town including 12 museum houses, objects from the period, Early American art and a large town museum. Admission charge.

**Magic Wings: Butterfly Conservatory & Gardens**
281 Greenfield Road, South Deerfield. (413) 665-2805
This 8,000-square-foot conservatory is home to nearly 4,000 free-flying butterflies from all over the world. Admission charge.

**Mead Art Museum**
Amherst College, Amherst. (413) 542-2335
Seven galleries and a permanent collection of more than 16,000 works. Admission free.

**Summit House**
10 Skinner State Park Road, Hadley. (413) 586-0350
On the summit of Mount Holyoke, an 1821 mountain house with beautiful vistas of the Pioneer Valley. Several historical displays, picnic areas and special events. Admission free. Open daylight hours May 1 through Veteran’s Day. (Summit House is currently closed for renovation, but the road to the viewing areas is open during the hours listed above.)

**Yankee Candle Village**
25 Greenfield Road/Route 5, South Deerfield.
(877) 636-7707
Visit the world’s largest candle store and the flagship store for the Yankee Candle Company. It includes a Bavarian Christmas village, a candle museum where you can create your own candles and several specialty shops and restaurants.