Discovering Amherst
Amherst, at a glance

1,800 Students

10% International students

5% Dual-citizenship students

1821 Founded

84% Classes with fewer than 30 students

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- Asia: 41%
- Africa: 21%
- Central/South America and Caribbean: 15%
- Europe: 12%
- Canada: 8%
- Middle East: 3%

51 Countries represented

30 Languages spoken

Student-faculty ratio: 8:1

Amherst students who take a Five College course: 50%

98% Students who live on campus

36% Students who graduate with more than one major

150 Student organizations

International students who graduate having completed a senior thesis: 43%

40%+ Students who study abroad
38 Majors plus Interdisciplinary Studies and Independent Scholar Programs

850+ Courses at Amherst

6,000+ in Five College Consortium

FIVE COLLEGE CONSORTIUM CERTIFICATES

- African Studies
- Asian/Pacific/American Studies
- Buddhist Studies
- Coastal and Marine Sciences
- 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
- Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies
- Sustainability Studies

The consortium also has four centers for specialized study: Crossroads in the Study of the Americas, the Center for East Asian Studies, the Center for the Study of World Languages and the Women’s Studies Research Center.

College students within a 16-kilometer radius: 30,000

ADMISSION AND FINANCIAL AID POLICY: NEED-BLIND

100% of demonstrated need met; no loans required

International students on aid: 91%

$59,164 Average international financial aid award for 2016–2017

14% Admission rate for Class of 2020

SAT/ACT scores for mid-50% of Class of 2020 admitted students: 700–800 (each section) / 31–35

Minimum language-proficiency requirements:
- TOEFL: 100
- IELTS: 7.5

Required standardized test results:
- SAT (Writing Test recommended) or
- ACT (Essay Section recommended)
Discover what makes Amherst distinctive

OPEN CURRICULUM
Amherst College offers an open curriculum: there are no distribution requirements, so our students can focus on the courses that are most interesting to them. This allows each student, in consultation with faculty advisors, to chart an individualized program from among the more than 850 courses offered at Amherst.

FIVE COLLEGE CONSORTIUM
Amherst is a member of the Five College Consortium, along with nearby Smith, Mount Holyoke and Hampshire Colleges and the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Students may take courses at any of the Five Colleges, and the schools’ proximity (within a 10-mile/16-kilometer radius) adds to Amherst’s rich academic, social and extracurricular life.

DIVERSITY
Amherst is among the country’s most diverse colleges. Our nearly 1,800 bright, ambitious, high-spirited students come from all walks of life, from nearly every U.S. state and 51 countries. Nearly 45 percent of our U.S. students identify as coming from traditionally underrepresented racial/ethnic groups. About 10 percent of our students are international.

Need-Blind Admission and Need-Based Financial Aid
Amherst is one of only a handful of U.S. institutions (and the only liberal arts college) committed to need-blind evaluation of ALL applicants, domestic and international. That means that your need for financial aid will not negatively affect your chances of admission.

- Amherst follows a need-based financial aid policy. All financial aid is awarded on the basis of demonstrated financial need; we do not award merit or athletic scholarships.
- Amherst provides financial aid to meet 100 percent of your family’s demonstrated financial need. If you are admitted—based on your merit and accomplishments—Amherst will review your family’s financial circumstances and use a “need analysis” formula to determine what you and your family can afford to pay (called your “family contribution”). Amherst subtracts your family contribution from your total cost of attendance (tuition, room, board, travel, health insurance, personal expenses, etc.) to find your family’s demonstrated financial need.
- Amherst provides no-loan financial aid packages; student loans have been replaced by additional scholarship funds. In 2016–2017, our average financial aid award for international students was $59,164 per year, and 91 percent of our current international students receive need-based aid.
Countries of students currently enrolled

ELIJAH KOOME
Maua, Kenya
English and Black Studies

TRISHA IYENGAR
Mumbai, India
Economics, Five College International Relations Certificate

JUAN GUARACAO
Bogota, Colombia
Mathematics

KIERAN BELLEW
Invercargill, New Zealand
Computer Science and Asian Civilizations & Languages

NAYEREH DOOSTI
Shiraz, Iran
Asian Languages & Civilizations and English

YUANZHE LIU
Wuhan, China
History and Mathematics

JADE LOH
Singapore, Singapore
Political Science and Art History

TRISHA IYENGAR
Mumbai, India
Economics, Five College International Relations Certificate

DANIELLA BENNETT
London, United Kingdom
Math and French

BIDDY MARTIN
President of Amherst College

“Internationalization is vitally important to Amherst. Our programs prepare students for the realities of global interdependence.”

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Where does an Amherst education lead you?

80% of Amherst alumni report that they have attended graduate or professional schools.

Top graduate schools by enrollment:
Harvard University
University of California
Columbia University
Boston University
Cambridge University
Yale University
Princeton University
Johns Hopkins University
University of North Carolina

Employment by Industry

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Bangladesh
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Brazil
Canada
Chile
China
Colombia
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
Egypt
El Salvador
Ethiopia
Germany
Ghana
Greece
Guatemala
India
Indonesia
Iran
Jamaica
Japan
Kenya
Korea, Republic of
Latvia
Lebanon
Macedonia
Mauritius
Moldova
Mongolia
Morocco
Nepal
Netherlands
New Zealand
Pakistan
Paraguay
Peru
Poland
Serbia
Singapore
Somaliland
South Africa
Syria
Taiwan
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Turkey
Uganda
United Kingdom
Uruguay
Vietnam
Zimbabwe
Located in scenic western Massachusetts, Amherst College is one of the premier, highly selective liberal arts colleges in the United States.