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MISSION STATEMENT
CALENDAR
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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

2008

August 24, Sunday. New student orientation begins; first-year residences open.

August 28, Thursday. Residences open for upperclass students at 9 a.m.

September 2, Tuesday. Fall semester classes begin.

September 3, Wednesday. Monday classes will be held.

September 12, Friday. Last day for fall semester course changes.

October 11-14, Saturday-Tuesday. Midsemester break.

October 24-26, Friday-Sunday. Family Weekend.

October 29, Wednesday. Last day for first-year students and first-semester transfer students to obtain permission to withdraw from a course without penalty.

November 1, Saturday. Deadline for students to submit spring 2009 withdrawal requests, readmission applications, and off-campus housing applications.

November 7-9, Friday-Sunday. Homecoming Weekend.

November 13-19, Thursday-Wednesday. Preregistration for spring semester.

November 22-30, Saturday-Sunday. Thanksgiving vacation.

December 1, Monday. Deadline for students to request housing extensions after December 20. (Moore Dormitory will remain open.)

December 10, Wednesday. Last day of fall semester classes.

December 15-19, Monday-Friday. Fall semester examination period.

December 20, Saturday. Residences (except Moore Dormitory) close at 5 p.m.

2009

January 4, Sunday. Residences reopen at 9 a.m.

January 5, Monday. Fall semester grades due. Dining Services resume with breakfast.

January 5-23, Monday-Friday. Interterm.

January 9, Friday. Students leaving campus for spring semester must vacate residences by 5 p.m.

January 16, Friday. Students returning to campus after being away fall semester may access housing at 9 a.m.

January 26, Monday. Spring semester classes begin.

February 6, Friday. Last day for spring semester course changes.

March 13, Friday. Deadline for students to submit fall 2009 special program proposals, readmission applications, room draw applications, and fall and full-year study abroad and other leave requests. Deadline for off-campus housing applications for fall semester.

March 14-22, Saturday-Sunday. Spring recess.

- *March* 20, *Friday*. Last day for first-year and first-semester transfer students to obtain permission to withdraw from a course without penalty.
- April 6-10, Monday-Friday. Preregistration for fall semester 2009.
- April 15, Wednesday. Deadline for students to submit spring 2010 study abroad and other leave requests.
- April 30, Thursday. Deadline for students to submit commencement/reunion housing applications, and for upperclass students to apply for financial aid.
- May 1, Friday. Deadline for students to request housing extensions after May 16.
- May 7, Thursday. Deadline for students to submit summer housing applications.
- May 8, Friday. Last day of spring semester classes.
- May 11-15, Monday-Friday. Spring semester examination period.
- May 16, Saturday. Residences close for non-graduating students at 5 p.m.
- May 18, Monday. Senior grades due, 9 a.m.
- May 20, Wednesday. Underclass grades due.
- May 24, Sunday. Commencement. Residences close for seniors at 5 p.m.

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