Welcome to Amherst College! We appreciate your interest in Amherst and hope you will find this guide to our campus and town helpful during your visit.

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

To learn more about Amherst, we encourage you to visit the College's website, www.amherst.edu. If you would like to receive a printed copy of our viewbook, "Knowing Amherst" and our financial aid brochure, "Affording Amherst," please join our mailing list at www.amherst.edu/admission/mailing_list.

Feel free to 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.

Thank you for visiting Amherst College. Enjoy your tour!
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. With small class sizes and a student-faculty ratio of 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. 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 small number of colleges in the country offering 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 distribution requirements that all students must fulfill. Our open curriculum allows Amherst students to explore a variety of academic interests, pursue multiple majors or areas of concentration, and begin in-depth study of specific subjects early in their academic careers. At their own initiative and guided by their faculty advisors, our students regularly choose to 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, not a set of institutional requirements.

Amherst is a member 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 and depth 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 social and cultural opportunities available within the Consortium and the surrounding communities. 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 Five College activities, visit the Five College event website at www.fivecolleges.edu/calendar.

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 campus tour, attend a group information session or visit a class, please consult the “Visiting Amherst” section of our website at www.amherst.edu/admission or call the Office of Admission at (413) 542-2328.

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 about 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 45 percent of our U.S. students identify as students of color. Amherst follows a need-blind admission policy for all applicants, domestic and international. This means that our admission decisions are based on an applicant’s achievements and potential, not on ability to pay. Additionally, our no-loan policy means that Amherst’s financial aid packages include only scholarship grants and work opportunities, with no required student loan components, so Amherst students can graduate debt-free. 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 2016-17, about 55 percent of our students received financial aid from Amherst, and the average financial aid package provided by Amherst exceeded $50,000.
A WALKING TOUR OF AMHERST COLLEGE

Known as “The College on the Hill,” the Amherst College campus encompasses 1,000 acres, including top-notch academic, athletic and residential facilities, and a 500-acre wildlife sanctuary. This walking tour will lead you through those parts of campus most frequented by our students.

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 proscenium theater, serves as the primary stage for Amherst College theater productions. Behind Kirby is Holden Theater, a fully equipped, 4,000-square-foot experimental black-box theater that which serves to expand 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 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 Japanese man who graduated from Amherst College in 1870.

4. Webster Center
At the top of the hill, you will find Webster Center. Webster is home to the Departments of Russian, Asian Languages & Civilizations, and Theater & Dance, along with the Center for Russian Culture and the Creative Writing Center. 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 rare Russian books, manuscripts, periodicals, newspapers and works of art and made a generous financial 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 Quad
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 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 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 lo-

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.

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.”

The motto on the College seal, Terras Irradient, means “Let them give light to the world.”
Amherst’s library collection—more than 1.5 million volumes and nearly 600,000 media materials—is enhanced by the Five College library system, which boasts more than 9 million volumes. Through the Five College Joint Online Library Catalog, Amherst students can electronically request materials from any of the other libraries.

**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. Kennedy 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 1.5 million volumes, more than 130,000 electronic and print journal titles, and nearly 600,000 media materials, as well as extensive and varied holdings of rare and historical materials housed in the 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 22 specialized research/reference computers, Frost Library offers over 70 PC and Mac stations, audiovisual facilities, extensive individual and group study areas, the Frost Café, and the Center for Humanistic Inquiry. Hours vary with the academic calendar, but generally the library is open until 1 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and until 11 p.m. on Fridays and 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, Spanish, European Studies and Architectural Studies. The building was originally a gymnasium—one of the first and most advanced in North America. Amherst was the first college in the U.S. to establish an organized athletic department.

**6. Pratt Quad**

Behind Frost Library, you will find 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.

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, is 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, music practice rooms, and storage lockers for instruments. Music majors and non-majors alike have access to the practice rooms and most of the other facilities in Arms.

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 dormitories when fraternities were abolished at Amherst in 1984. Several other former fraternity houses have been converted into residential “theme houses,” including Marsh Arts House, Asian Cultural House, Charles Drew House (Black Cultural House), Chinese-Japanese Language House, French House, German House, the Health and Wellness Quarter, La Casa (Latinx Cultural House), Russian House, Spanish House, the Sylvia Rivera Floor (Queer and Trans Theme Floor) and Humphries Co-Op House.

Grosvenor House
At the northeast corner of the quad, across 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 Sexuality, Women’s and Gender Studies Department.

7. Valentine Quad
Take the path between Grosvenor House and Morrow Dormitory and walk east toward Valentine Dining Hall. When you reach the dining hall on your left, 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 (aka “Val”), 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 full-meal plan and a “2 Meals + 100 AC Dollars” plan. All food is prepared by Amherst College Dining Services, not an outside commercial vendor. Students can enjoy a full range of menu choices—traditional fare, pizza, stir-fry, grill, deli, pasta, soup, and salad bars. Menus are developed to offer fresh, natural, low-fat, vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free and heart-healthy options, as well as kosher options at holidays, and the Dining Services staff is happy to work with students with special dietary needs.

In support of sustainability initiatives, Val has used over 32 tons of fresh, organic produce from the College’s own Book and Plow Farm. 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 prominent architectural firm of McKim, Mead and white brick. 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.

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Approximately one-half of all Amherst students will take a class at one of the other colleges in the Five College system before graduation. With 2,200 faculty members teaching about 6,000 courses, the Five College Consortium offers outstanding curricular opportunities.

Early Decision offers a binding Early Decision program with an application deadline of November 1st. Applications for Regular Decision must be received by January 1st. More than 90 percent of applicants choose the regular decision option.

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

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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.

The classic, brick Italian Renaissance Revival structure houses Amherst’s Program in Film and Media Studies, as well as the Department of Art and the History of Art. Inside, you will find the Eli Marsh Gallery, used by majors and non-majors alike to display their work. 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 Departments of History and Religion, as well as Chapin Chapel, a nondenominational chapel open to the college community. Religious activities in the chapel are organized by the staff of the Cadigan Center for Religious and Spiritual Life, 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 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. The building, which houses the Beneski Museum of Natural History and the Departments of Geology and Environmental Studies, 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, with more than 1,700 individual specimens on display and 200,000 in collections. The entrance floor features freestanding fossil skeletons, including a mastadon, a saber-toothed cat and a Columbian mammoth (the inspiration for our mascot, The Mammoth!). On the lower level, you will also find the world’s largest collection of dinosaur tracks. The museum is open Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is no fee for admission.

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, Schwemm’s Coffee House, the Study Abroad Office, the Multicultural Resource Center, the Center for Community Engagement, the Center for International Student Engagement, and the Office of Residential Life. 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, the Women’s and Gender Center, the Queer Resource Center, a game room, and a multi-purpose space called the Friedmann Room. The Campus Center also houses a movie theater and offices for several student organizations—including the student-run radio station (WAMH, 89.3 FM) and the Student Activities Office, which supports students in developing social, cultural and educational programs. Amherst has more than 150 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.

Amherst offers instruction in French, Spanish, Japanese, Chinese, Russian, Greek, Latin, German and Arabic. More than forty languages are taught in the Five Colleges, including Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Korean, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Sanskrit, Swahili, Turkish, Urdu, Yiddish and Yoruba.

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 150 programs around the world.
10. The New Science Center, Greenway Dorms, and King and Wieland Halls

Behind Keefe, at the foot of the hill, you will see the site of our new Science Center, opening in the fall of 2018. The 230,000 square-foot structure will house state-of-the-art teaching and research facilities for biology, chemistry, physics, biochemistry, biophysics, neuroscience, computer science, astronomy, psychology, math and statistics. The building is designed, architecturally and programatically, to foster the increasing emphasis on interdisciplinary work among the sciences and the sharing of expertise and resources. Off to the right, you will glimpse two large, gray buildings. These student dormitories, King and Wieland Halls, have relatively small floor plans 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. Farther to the right, behind Merrill Science Center, are the newest dormitories on campus, the Greenway Residence Halls. (You will get a better look at those buildings from the top of Memorial Hill, a little later in your tour.) Opened in fall 2016 to house students in singles, doubles and suites, the Greenway Residence Halls were designed to promote environmental sustainability and foster social community, with small floors, unique common spaces, kitchens, classrooms and event spaces. These dormitories will be linked to the new Science Center by the Greenway, a 12-acre natural landscape of gardens, trees, stone walls, recreation areas and performance venues.

11. Mead Art Museum

Across from Keefe Campus Center, atop the hill on your right, is the Mead Art Museum, which holds a collection of more than 19,000 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 more than 2,500 Japanese woodblock prints, the Mead ranks as one of the major collections of ukiyo-e in the country. The museum is open Tuesdays through Sundays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., until 8 p.m. on Fridays year-round, and until midnight on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays during the academic session. There is no fee for admission.

12. Merrill Science Center and Merrill Beach

Named for Charles E. Merrill, Class of 1908 (of Merrill Lynch fame), Merrill Science Center currently houses the Departments of Chemistry, Physics & Astronomy and Psychology, as well as the Biochemistry & Biophysics and Neuroscience Programs and the Keefe Science Library. 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, photospectrometers, and a mass spectrometer, all of which are available to students with the guidance of department professors. In addition, the Science Center houses the Moss Quantitative Center, where students can get assistance in quantitatively oriented disciplines, such as math, the sciences and economics. (With the new Science Center scheduled for completion in by summer 2018, future plans for Merrill are still to be determined.)

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 some of the college's playing fields, as well as the indoor athletic facilities off to your right.

Drive time to Bradley International Airport (Hartford/Springfield): 45 minutes to 1 hour

Drive time to Boston: 2 hours

Drive time to New York City: 3 to 3 1/2 hours

(Bus, shuttle and train service is available for these and other destinations.)

Amherst was the first institution in the country to offer an undergraduate major in neuroscience, introduced in 1973.

Amherst accepts the Common Application, the Coalition Application and the Questbridge Application. In addition, Amherst requires a Supplement to all applications.
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.

13. McGuire Life Sciences Building
To the right, extending from Merrill Science Center, is McGuire Life Sciences Building. Specialized equipment in this teaching and research facility include ultracentrifuges, scintillation counters, high-performance liquid and gas chromatography, spectrophotometers, and fluorescence microscopes. The building is also known for its unusual, biology-inspired interior architectural decoration. (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!)

14. Seeley G. Mudd Building
From the front exit of 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 Computer Science and Mathematics & Statistics, as well as Information Technology’s offices for Desktop Computing and Academic Technology. Classrooms are located on the main floor, professors’ offices are located in the tower, and a journal collection and the George D. Olds Mathematics Reading Room are located on the top floor. On the lower floor of Seeley Mudd, the Center for Creative Technology is open 24 hours every day during the academic year for students. The Center (and nearby Webster Computer Classroom) have more than 45 PC and Mac computer stations, plus scanners and printers (for color laser, large-format and duplex printing). Seeley Mudd also houses a 13-station Multimedia Lab, an audio production studio, and a video production studio. The Amherst network supports both wired and wireless connections. Wireless is available in all residence halls and all academic, administrative and student services buildings, as well as on 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 onto the path leading 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 II 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 left, you will be able to view the Greenway Residence Halls (described in entry #10 above). Ahead you will see Amherst’s indoor athletic complex, which has been renovated frequently over the years to improve the facilities for the benefit of both Amherst’s student-athletes and the College community as a whole. Closest to you are the Davenport Squash Courts. LeFrak 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 Amherst’s varsity athletic teams have purple and white uniforms, and the mascot is the mammoth.
Since Amherst has no core or distribution requirements, students can easily fit two majors into their curriculum. Double majors account for approximately 40 percent of each graduating class.

facility for field sports, tennis and track-and-field. Behind these structures, just out of view, is Orr Rink. The football field, lacrosse facilities, 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 one-way drive-way 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.

18. Converse Hall
After you pass The Octagon, you will see another building on your right, Converse Hall. Converse was once Amherst’s main library (hence the inscription on the lintel), but is now the main adminis-tration building, housing the Offices of the President, Dean of the Faculty, Registrar, Financial Aid and Student Affairs. The Office of Student Affairs provides many services to assist and support students, including New Student Orientation, academic and personal advising, and programs for residential life and health education. In addition, the College provides a fully-staffed Health Center, Counseling Center and Campus Police Department to promote the safety and health of all members of the campus commu-

The Center for Community Engagement and the Loeb Center for Exploration and Career Planning help students find research, volunteering or work experiences to prepare them for life after college, and have generous funding available for these opportunities.

nity. Converse also houses classrooms and the Department of Economics. Down the hill from Converse is a small bus shelter, Amherst’s stop on the route of the Five College bus service. The buses are free during the school year and provide 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 (Loeb Center for Career Exploration and Planning)
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 Loeb Center for Career Exploration and Planning, which boasts a large resource library, computer stations, interview rooms, private advising rooms and a conference space. The Loeb Center offers career advising, 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 and the Pathways Mentoring Program. The Loeb Center also manages the Amherst Select Internship Program, through which students are connected with summer internship opportunities made available exclusively to Amherst students by Amherst alumni, parents, and friends. Students can manage their appointments, apply for jobs and submit resumes through the online platform Quest.

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 MAJORS

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
- Biochemistry & Biophysics  Merrill Science Center
- Biology  McGuire Life Sciences Building
- Black Studies  Cooper House
- Chemistry  Merrill Science Center
- Classical Civilization  Grosvenor House
- Classics  Grosvenor House
- Computer Science  Seeley Mudd Building
- Creative Writing Center  Webster Hall
- Economics  Converse Hall
- English  Johnson Chapel
- Environmental Studies
- Beneski Earth Sciences Building and
  McGuire Life Sciences Building
- European Studies  Grosvenor House and
  Barrett Hall
- Film and Media Studies  Fayerweather Hall
  and Webster Center
- 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
- Latinx and Latin American Studies  Morgen Hall
- Law, Jurisprudence and Social Thought
  Clark House
- Mathematics & Statistics
- 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
- Sexuality, Women’s and Gender Studies
  Grosvenor House
- Sociology  Morgan Hall
- Spanish  Barrett Hall
- Statistics  Seeley Mudd Building
- Theater and Dance  Webster Center

LOCAL LODGING

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/visiting/lodging.)

ADJACENT TO CAMPUS
- The Lord Jeffery Inn
  30 Boltwood Avenue, Amherst, (413) 835-2011

ONE TO FIVE MILES FROM CAMPUS
- Hotel Umass
  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) 584-9816
- Knights Inn
  208 Russell Street/Route 9, Hadley, (413) 585-1552
- University Lodge
  345 N. Pleasant Street, Amherst, (413) 256-8111

SIX TO TWELVE MILES FROM CAMPUS
- America's Best Value Inn
  67 Northampton Street, Holyoke, (413) 536-3377
- Autumn Inn
  259 Elm Street, Northampton, (413) 586-7660
- Clarion Hotel
  1 Atwood Drive, Northampton, (413) 586-1211
- D. Hotels & Suites
  1 Country Club Road, Holyoke, (413) 533-2100
- Fairfield Inn & Suites
  115 Conz Street, Northampton, (413) 587-9800
- Hotel Northampton
  36 King Street, Northampton, (413) 584-3100
- Old Mill Inn
  87 School Street, Hatfield, (413) 247-3301
- 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.

**BREAKFAST AND BRUNCH**

**The Black Sheep**  
Coffee, pastries, sandwiches. Very casual. 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. A 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

**Lone Wolf**  
Breakfast and lunch. Very casual. Delicious breakfast of all kinds and lunches featuring Southwest-style dishes.  
63 Main Street, (413) 256-4643

**The Works Bakery Cafe**  
48 North Pleasant St. (413) 835-0561

**COFFEE TEA AND DESSERT**

**Amherst Coffee**  
28 Amity Street

**Amherst Ice Cream**  
103 North Pleasant Street

**FroyoWorld**  
23 North Pleasant Street

**Glazed Doughnuts**  
19 N Pleasant Street

**GoBerry**  
28 Amity Street

**Henion Bakery**  
174 North Pleasant Street

**Insomnia Cookies**  
30 Main Street

**Lime Red Tea House**  
50 Main Street

**Share Coffee**  
17 Kellogg Avenue

**Starbucks**  
71 North Pleasant Street

**FOR A QUICK BITE**

**Antonio’s**  
Pizza by the slice. Very casual. 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

**Bueno Y Sano**  
Mexican. Casual.  
“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!  
31 North Pleasant Street, (413) 253-0808

**Crazy Noodles Cafe**  
Thai and Italian cuisines. Casual.  
Casual cafe with a variety of noodle dishes and soups. An eclectic twist on Asian cuisine. Closed on Mondays.  
36 Main Street, (413) 253-3287

**Pita Pockets**  
Mediterranean. Casual.  
Serves delicious Mediterranean food. Specialties include the falafel and humus. All food is halal.  
103 North Pleasant St. (413)-256-3600

**LUNCH AND DINNER**

**30 Boltwood at the Lord Jeffery Inn**  
Contemporary American. Casual/Dressy. 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) 835-2011

**Bistro 63 at the Monkey Bar & Grill**  
63 North Pleasant Street, (413) 259-1600

**Bertucci’s**  
Pizza/Italian entrées. Casual.  
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

**Formosa**  
Chinese. Casual.  
One of the many excellent Chinese restaurants in the town of Amherst.  
51 East Pleasant Street, (413) 549-1900

**Fresh Side**  
Asian. Casual.  
With a wide selection of tea rolls, noodles and vegetarian cuisine, Fresh Side serves quick and healthy meals.  
39 South Pleasant Street, (413) 256-0296
**High Horse Brewery & Bistro**  
**Burgers, salads, sandwiches, etc. Casual.**  
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

**Ichiban Asian Bistro**  
**Japanese. Casual.**  
Restaurant specializing in sushi and classic pan-Asian cuisine. Closed on Sundays.  
106 N Pleasant St. (413) 835-0913

**Judie's**  
**Sandwiches, salads, etc. Casual to dressy.**  
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

**Miss Saigon**  
**Vietnamese. Casual.**  
Popular Vietnamese restaurant for lunch and dinner. Soups, sandwiches, and dinner plates available. Closed on Mondays.  
96 N Pleasant (413) 253-9988

**Oriental Flavor**  
**Chinese. Casual.**  
Restaurant with an inviting atmosphere serving a variety of Chinese options including steamed dumplings, noodle dishes, and vegetarian options.  
25 S Pleasant Street (413) 253-7673

**Panda East**  
**Chinese/Japanese. Casual.**  
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

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

**Pasta E Basta**  
**Italian. Casual.**  
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

**The Pub**  
**Burgers, salads, sandwiches, etc. Casual.**  
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

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**LOCAL POINTS OF INTEREST**

(Complete online for directions and current hours of operation.)

**AROUND CAMPUS**

**Beneski Museum of Natural History**  
Amherst College, Amherst, (413) 542-2165  
Displays of fossilized vertebrates and invertebrates, including dinosaurs and a Columbian mammoth, 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. Comprises two historical houses associated with her and her family during the 19th and 20th centuries. Admission charge.

**Mead Art Museum**  
Amherst College, Amherst, (413) 542-2335  
Eight galleries and a permanent collection of more than 19,000 works. Admission free.

**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 continuous,11-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.

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**OFF CAMPUS**

**Basketball Hall of Fame**  
Off Route 91, Springfield, (877) 446-6752  
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.

**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 museum is the first full-scale museum in this country devoted to national and international picture book art. Admission charge.

**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.

**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.

**Yankee Candle Village**  
25 Greenfield Road, 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.