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

*Terras irradient*

“Let them give light to the world.”

1821

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

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

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

2014

August 24, Sunday. New student orientation begins; first-year residences open at 9 a.m.

August 28, Thursday. Residences open for upper-class students at 9 a.m. (Keys at Campus Police.)

September 1, Monday. Opening Convocation.

September 2, Tuesday. Fall semester classes begin.

September 3, Wednesday. Monday classes will be held.

September 10, Wednesday. Last day to add/drop courses for fall semester.

October 11-14, Saturday-Tuesday. Midsemester break. Residence halls and dining hall remain open.

October 22, Wednesday. Midsemester warning submissions due in Registrar’s Office.

October 24, Friday. Last day for Class of 2015E to take comprehensive exams.

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

October 28, Tuesday. 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 apply for spring 2016 withdrawal, readmission, and off-campus housing.

November 3-7, Monday-Friday. Advising Week.

November 7-9, Friday-Sunday. Homecoming.

November 10-14, Monday-Friday. Preregistration for spring semester.

November 22-30, Saturday-Sunday. Thanksgiving vacation. Dining Hall opens for breakfast on Nov. 30.

December 9, Tuesday. Senior honors theses due in Registrar’s Office.

December 10, Wednesday. Last day of fall semester classes. Deadline for Class of 2017E to declare major at Registrar’s Office.

December 11-14, Thursday-Sunday. Reading/Study period.

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

December 19, Friday. Dining hall closes after dinner.

December 20, Saturday. Residence halls close at 5 p.m.

2015

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

January 5, Monday. Fall semester grades due on ACData.

January 5-21, Monday-Wednesday. Interterm. Dining hall reopens with breakfast on Jan. 5.

January 9, Friday. Students leaving campus for spring semester must vacate residences by 5 p.m.
January 16, Friday. Students returning to campus after absence may access housing at 9 a.m.

January 20, Tuesday. Spring semester classes begin at the University of Massachusetts and Mount Holyoke College.

January 21, Wednesday. Spring semester classes begin at Hampshire College.

January 22, Thursday. Spring semester classes begin at Amherst College.

January 26, Monday. Spring semester classes begin at Smith College.

January 30, Friday. Last day to add/drop courses for spring semester.

March 13, Friday. Last day for graduating seniors to take comprehensive exams. Last day for first-year and first-semester transfer students to obtain permission to withdraw from a course without penalty. Mid-term grades due. Dining hall closes after dinner.

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

March 15, Sunday. Deadline for students to submit applications for room draw and 2015-16 off-campus housing; deadline to submit fall 2015 study abroad, educational leave, withdrawal and readmission, and special program proposals.

March 30-April 3, Monday-Friday. Advising Week.

April 6-10, Monday-Friday. Preregistration for fall semester.

April 14-16, Tuesday-Thursday. Room Draw.

April 15, Wednesday. Deadline for students to submit spring 2016 study abroad and other educational leave requests.

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

May 5, Tuesday. Senior honors theses due in Registrar’s Office at 4 p.m. Honors recommendations and grades due in Registrar’s Office. College meeting.

May 6, Wednesday. Last day of spring semester classes. Deadline for Class of 2016 to declare major. Senior Assembly. Deadline for RCs to post summer storage hours.

May 7-10, Thursday-Sunday. Reading/Study Period.

May 11-15, Monday-Friday. Spring semester examination period. Last meal for undergraduates will be dinner on May 15.

May 16, Saturday. Residences close for non-graduating students at 5 p.m.

May 18, Monday. Senior grades due at 9 a.m.

May 20, Wednesday. Grades due for non-seniors at 4 p.m.

May 24, Sunday. Commencement. Residences close for graduates at 5 p.m.


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