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MISSION STATEMENT
CALENDAR
THE CORPORATION
FACULTY
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

2013

August 25, Sunday. New student orientation begins; first-year residences open at 9 a.m.

August 29, Thursday. Residences open for upper-class students at 9 a.m. (Keys at Campus Police.)

September 2, Monday. Opening Convocation.

September 3, Tuesday. Fall semester classes begin.

September 4, Wednesday. Monday classes will be held.

September 11, Wednesday. Last day to add/drop courses for fall semester.


October 18-20, Friday-Sunday. Homecoming.

October 23, Wednesday. Midsemester warning submissions due in Registrar’s Office.

October 25, Friday. Last day for Class of 2014E to take comprehensive exams.

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

October 31-November 6, Thursday-Wednesday. Advising Week.

November 1, Friday. Deadline for students to apply for spring 2015 withdrawal, readmission, and off-campus housing.

November 1-3, Friday-Sunday. Family Weekend.

November 7-13, Thursday-Wednesday. Preregistration for spring semester.

November 23-December 1, Saturday-Sunday. Thanksgiving vacation.

December 10, Tuesday. Senior honors theses due in Registrar’s Office.

December 11, Wednesday. Last day of fall semester classes. Deadline for Class of 2016E to declare major at Registrar’s Office.

December 12-15, Thursday-Sunday. Reading/Study period.

December 16-20, Monday-Friday. Fall semester examination period.

December 20, Friday. Dining hall closes after dinner.

December 21, Saturday. Residence halls close at 5 p.m.

2014

January 2, Thursday. Fall semester grades due on ACData.

January 5, Sunday. Residences reopen at 9 a.m.


January 10, Friday. Students leaving campus for spring semester must vacate residences by 5 p.m.
January 17, Friday. Students returning to campus after absence may access housing at 9 a.m.

January 21, Tuesday. Spring semester classes begin at the University of Massachusetts.

January 23, Thursday. Spring semester classes begin at Amherst College.

January 31, Friday. Last day to add/drop courses for spring semester.

March 14, 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 15, Saturday. Deadline for students to submit applications for room draw and 2014-15 off-campus housing; deadline to submit fall 2014 study abroad, educational leave, withdrawal and readmission, and special program proposals.

March 15-23, Saturday-Sunday. Spring recess.

March 31-April 4, Monday-Friday. Advising Week.

April 7-11, Monday-Friday. Preregistration for fall semester.

April 8-10, Tuesday-Thursday. Room Draw.

April 15, Tuesday. Deadline for students to submit spring 2015 Study Abroad and other educational leave requests.

April 25, Friday. Deadline for upperclass students to apply to renew financial aid.

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

May 6, Tuesday. Senior honors theses due in Registrar’s Office at 4 p.m. Honors recommendations due to Registrar. College meeting.

May 7, 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 8-12, Thursday-Monday. Reading/Study Period.

May 13-17, Tuesday-Saturday. Spring semester examination period. Last meal for undergraduates will be dinner on May 17.

May 18, Sunday. Residences close for non-graduating students at 5 p.m.

May 19, Monday. Senior grades due at 9 a.m.

May 21, Wednesday. Grades due for non-seniors at 4 p.m.

May 25, Sunday. Commencement. Residences close for graduates at 5 p.m.

May 28-June 1, Wednesday-Sunday. Alumni Holiday and Reunion.

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