International Amherst
Amherst, at a glance

1,850
Students

10%
International students

6%
Dual-citizenship students

1821
Founded

88%
Classes with fewer than 30 students

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Asia: 44%
Europe: 17%
Africa: 16%
Central/South America and Caribbean: 13%
Canada: 6%
Middle East: 4%

58
Countries represented

60+
Languages spoken

98%
Students who live on campus

40%+
Students graduating last year with more than one major

150+
Student organizations

45%+
Students who study abroad
40 Majors plus Interdisciplinary Studies and Independent Scholar Programs

American Studies
Anthropology & Sociology
Architectural Studies
Art & the History of Art
Asian Languages & Civilizations
Biochemistry and Biophysics
Biology
Black Studies
Chemistry
Classical Civilizations
Classics
Computer Science
Economics
English
Environmental Studies
European Studies
Film & Media Studies
French
Geology
German
Greek
History
Latin
Latinx & Latin American Studies
Law, Jurisprudence & Social Thought
Mathematics & Statistics
Music
Neuroscience
Philosophy
Physics and Astronomy
Political Science
Psychology
Religion
Russian
Sexuality, Women’s & Gender Studies
Spanish
Theater & Dance

850+ Courses at Amherst 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
for all applicants, domestic and international

100%
of demonstrated need met; no loans required

International students on aid last year: 82%

$69,434Average international financial aid award for 2019–2020

11%
Admission rate for Class of 2023

2020-21 ADMISSION CYCLE

Optional testing: SAT or ACT

Required testing (for non-native English speakers):
TOEFL, iBT, IELTS, TOEFL Special Home Edition,
TOEFL Paper-delivered, TOEFL ITP for China,
or IELTS Indicator.

For details, see: amherst.edu/admission/apply/international
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 1,850 bright, ambitious, high-spirited students come from all walks of life, from almost every U.S. state and 58 countries. A full 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 our 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 2019–2020, our average financial aid award for international students was $69,434 per year, and 82 percent of our current international students received need-based aid.
“Internationalization is vitally important to Amherst. Our programs prepare students for the realities of global interdependence.”

BIDDY MARTIN
President of Amherst College
Where does an Amherst education lead you?

95% of the Class of 2019 were either employed (82%), attending graduate/professional school (12%) or volunteering (1%) within six months of graduation.

80% of Amherst alumni report attending graduate or professional schools within five years of graduation.

Employment by Industry—Class of 2019 (within six months of graduation)

- Education Professions: 19%
- Financial Services: 19%
- Business & Consulting: 17%
- Science & Technology: 15%
- Healthcare & Public Health: 13%
- Arts & Communications: 7%
- Government & Non-Profit: 7%

Sampling of graduate/professional schools—Class of 2019

- Columbia University, Harvard University, Johns Hopkins University, Stanford University, University of California–Berkeley, University of California–Los Angeles, Yale University

Sampling of employers—Class of 2019

- Amazon, Bain & Company, BlackRock, Dana-Farber Institute, Goldman Sachs, Google, Morgan Stanley, NASA, Teach for America

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Countries and regions of students currently enrolled

Albania, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Croatia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hong Kong SAR, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Latvia, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, Romania, Russia, Rwanda, Serbia, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, South Korea, Sudan, Syria, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Venezuela, Vietnam, Zimbabwe.
Located in scenic western Massachusetts, Amherst College is one of the premier, highly selective liberal arts colleges in the United States.