

An aerial photograph of a university campus during autumn. A wide, paved path winds through the scene, with several people walking. To the right, a large, dense tree with vibrant red and orange leaves dominates the foreground. The background shows more trees with yellow and orange foliage, a grassy area, and a few parked bicycles.

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# Welcome to Hampshire College!

## HISTORY

The idea for Hampshire originated in 1958 when the presidents of Amherst, Mount Holyoke, and Smith Colleges, as well as the University of Massachusetts Amherst, appointed a committee to reexamine the assumptions and practices of liberal arts education.

Their report, "The New College Plan," advocated many of the features that have since been realized in the Hampshire curriculum: emphasis on each student's curiosity and motivation; broad, multidisciplinary learning; and close mentoring relationships with teachers.

In 1965, Amherst College alumnus Harold F. Johnson donated \$6 million toward the founding of Hampshire College.

With a matching grant from the Ford Foundation, Hampshire's first trustees purchased 800 acres of orchard and farmland in South Amherst, Massachusetts, and construction began. Hampshire admitted its first students in 1970.

## LOCATION

Amherst, Massachusetts, in the Pioneer Valley - rated as the number one college town in America by two independent surveys - is an idyllic New England setting two hours from Boston and three from New York City. The Pioneer Valley is known for its natural beauty, progressive thought, and vibrant arts scene.

## MISSION

Education at Hampshire College prepares students to understand and participate responsibly in a complex world. Through its actions and policies, the college sets an example of the responsible and creative



behavior it expects of its students. As a liberal arts college, Hampshire helps students develop confidence in their intellect, creativity, and values. It encourages their desire to be lifelong learners and their capacity to advance the cause of social justice and the well-being of others.

The college fosters these attitudes through a multidisciplinary, multicultural curriculum; self-initiated, individual programs of study negotiated with faculty

mentors; students' active participation in original research; and the diverse communities, on campus and off, in which learning takes place. Within the college's residential community, students encounter and learn to respect difference and appreciate diversity, thereby enhancing their capacity to live together well.

Through commitment to testing and evaluating new ideas and new approaches to learning, national efforts to promote inquiry-based learning and teaching, and constructive civic and social engagement, Hampshire's actions serve as models for those of its students.

## FIVE COLLEGE CONSORTIUM

Hampshire draws on the resources of four other nearby institutions—Amherst, Mount Holyoke, Smith, and the University of Massachusetts Amherst—which together form the Five College consortium, one of the oldest and largest consortia in the country.

Beyond offering Hampshire students thousands of courses and sponsoring field research trips, student symposia, and shared lecture funding, the Five Colleges offer a range of cooperative academic departments and programs combining the strengths of the several institutions. ■

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## Academics

Although Hampshire supports concentrations in virtually any imaginable area, prospective students often look first for strength within general academic fields.

These areas of study are intended as samples and do not reflect all possible courses and programs. All Hampshire students design their own areas of concentration in close concert with faculty committees.

African-American Studies	Culture, Brain, and Development	Middle Eastern Studies
Agriculture	Dance	Music
American Studies	Digital Media	Native American Studies
Animal Behavior	Economics	Neuroscience
Animation and Digital Art	Environmental Studies/Sustainability	Peace and World
Anthropology/Archaeology	Film/Video/Photography	Security Studies
Applied Design	Geology	Philosophy
Architecture/Environmental Design	Globalization/Third World Studies	Physics
Art History	Health/Premedical Studies	Politics
Asian Studies	History	Psychology
Astronomy	International Relations	Queer Studies
Biological/Life Sciences	Jewish Studies	Religion
Business/Entrepreneurship	Journalism	Social Change
Chemistry	Latin American Studies	Sociology
Childhood, Youth, and Learning	Legal Studies	Southwest Studies
Cognitive Science	Linguistics	Studio/Visual Arts
Communications/Media Studies	Literature	Theatre
Computer Science	Marine Science	Women's Studies
Creative Writing	Mathematics	World Language
		Writing ■

## Health, Wellness, and Safety

Hampshire College Health Services is a fully accredited health facility (by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care Centers) providing for the medical and mental health needs of students at Hampshire College. Our staff consists of a team of medical and mental health professionals who have a commitment to the health and well-being of Hampshire College students. All visits and inquiries are confidential.

### SERVICES

Hampshire College Health Center offers:

- Treatment of illness and injury
- Mental health counseling and treatment
- Gynecological exams
- Birth control and emergency contraception at low cost
- Information and referral to specialists
- Wellness counseling, (quitting smoking, good nutrition, handling stress, better sleep)
- Immunizations including HPV, flu shots, and travel vaccines
- On-site prescription pick-up
- Acupuncture
- Nurse visits and telephone advice
- Physician and nurse practitioner visits
- Psychological counseling
- Wellness visits
- Lab tests performed on-site With additional charges, students can use health insurance for coverage of:
  - Prescription medications
  - Laboratory tests and x-rays
  - Immunizations
  - Acupuncture
  - Ambulance and hospitalization
  - Evening/weekend visits to the University of Massachusetts Health Services
  - Medical or counseling services not provided by Hampshire College Health Services staff ■

### HOURS

The Health Services office is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Tuesday 9:00 a.m.-5:00pm during the academic year.

### HEALTH INSURANCE AND PAYMENT

All college students in Massachusetts are required to have health insurance. Students have the option of purchasing the Hampshire College Student Health Insurance Plan or waiving this insurance by providing evidence of coverage with another comparable health insurance plan.

Regardless of insurance coverage, most services at Hampshire College Health Services are available to students at no additional charge. This includes:

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# Housing and Dining

From its founding, Hampshire College has been designed as a residential learning community. Our residences provide:

- a dynamic, intellectual learning environment
- safe, comfortable housing
- support to students in balancing the rights of individuals with the responsibilities of community membership
- encouragement to students to assume community responsibility, to learn to appreciate people with diverse backgrounds and lifestyles, and to make connections between the learning that takes place inside and outside of the classroom

Hampshire College has five residential areas, with most rooms on campus being singles:

- Dakin
- Merrill
- Merrill and Dakin are traditional dormitory style residences
- Prescott
- Greenwich
- Enfield
- Prescott, Greenwich, and Enfield are on-campus apartments

Each house is staffed by a live-in professional house director, supported by a house operations assistant and a crew of student paraprofessional staff whom we call "interns."

House directors are responsible for overseeing the operations of each house and the well-being of the residents. Housing operations assistants are responsible for the administrative and operational functioning of each living area.

While Hampshire's residential life program is often decentralized, providing opportunities for each housing area's unique character, we all abide by centralized policies and expectations.

## DINING COMMONS, RESIDENTIAL DINING

The Commons offer a wide range of options: in the morning students may treat themselves to Belgian waffles and juice in addition to many other breakfast offerings. Come lunch and dinnertime we feature:

- hand crafted pizza
- grill
- international salad station
- vegetarian & vegan offerings
- homemade soups
- deli bar
- freshly baked desserts
- beverages
- and more...

Dining Commons hours are Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.-7:00pm; Saturday-Sunday 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

## BRIDGE CAFÉ

2nd Floor of Robert Crown Center (RCC)  
Featuring beverages, pizza, calzones, panini sandwiches, deli, desserts and more.

Bridge Café hours are Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m.; Friday 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.; Saturday 2:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.; Sunday 2:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

## SIMPLY-TO-GO

Simply-To-Go is a grab & go service provided at the Bridge Café. Students can choose from an assortment of pre-made sandwiches, salads and side items. Perfect for an on-the-go meal or snack during your busy day. ■





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# Campus Resources, Organizations and Activities

Hampshire is home to over 100 student groups.

## ACADEMIC GROUPS

Ahoula  
ASL Collective (American Sign Language)  
Classic Erotic Literature  
Childhood, Youth, and Learning (CYL)  
Cry Havoc  
Culture Health and Science  
EPEC (Experimental Programs in Education and Community)  
Five College  
Architecture (arc5)  
GNU+Linux Users Group  
Hampshire Animal Behavior  
Hampshire Confucius Language  
Latin American/Latin@/legal studies group  
Model United Nations  
Pre-Healthcare  
Professionals  
Polyglot Society  
SMIFF (Student Managed Investment Fund Forum  
Social Science  
Student Group  
Statistical Computation and Data Visualization with R  
Women's Health Collective  
Yiddish Language Club  
Zap!

## ACTIVIST GROUPS

Amnesty International  
Building Awareness  
Across Bars (BAAB)  
Equality Across America  
HaFTA (Hampshire Fair Trade Alliance)  
HALA (Hampshire Animal

Liberation Advocacy)  
Hampshire College Democrats  
Hampshire Hacktivists  
HUA (Hampshire Union of Activists)  
In Solidarity with Immigrants  
International Socialist Organization  
Men of Color United  
New Leaf  
Project Nur  
Radical Philosophy Society  
Re-Radicalization of Hampshire College  
SFT (Students for a Free Tibet)  
SJP (Students for Justice in Palestine)  
Students for a Just and Stable Future  
SPICI (Students Promoting Israel Culture and Information)  
SFU (Students for the Freedom to Unionize)  
USELESS Hampshire

## ART AND MUSIC GROUPS

Bart's Arm  
Blacksmiths' Guild  
Bookmaking Club  
Burlesque for All  
Chameleon Club  
Circus Folk Unite  
Contra Dance  
Collective (CDC)  
Crazy Pitches  
Crew Team  
Dance Collective  
Gin & Tonics

Glass Collective  
Hampshire Bellydance Collective  
Hampshire College Heavy Music Collective (HCHMC)  
Hampshire College Slam Collective  
Hampshire Happening Collective  
Hampshire Independent & Productions (HIP)  
Hip Hop Collective  
Jewelry Collective  
Living Newspaper  
Theatre Troop  
Metalheads Machining Coalition  
Natural Disaster Club  
Necro Cinema  
PV Underground  
Samba and Capoeira Group  
Shake and Bake  
The Urban Word  
VIBE  
Welding Collective

## BUSINESS GROUPS

Mixed Nuts Co-op  
Social Entrepreneurship  
Aid and Resource Center at Hampshire (SEARCH)

## CAMPUS SERVICE GROUPS

A Bite of a Cookie  
Counselor Advocates  
Dandelion Den  
Extratraditionals  
Greenhouse  
HCEMS Hampshire  
College Emergency  
Medical Service



Please see page 15 for important campus contact information.

Hampedia Project  
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Sexperts  
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## COMMITTEES

Community Council  
FiCom  
COCA  
COCD  
SafeCom

## FIVE COLLEGE STUDENT GROUPS

Five College Student Groups

Food Group  
BBQ Militia  
Community Garden  
Connoisseurs of Cheesy Comestibles  
Local Foods Initiative  
Mixed Nuts  
The Fruity Juicers

## IDENTITY-BASED GROUPS

Aliz  
Alternative Sexuality Collective  
SOURCE – Students of Underrepresented Cultures  
DIG  
FISH (Forum For Int'l Students at Hampshire)  
James Baldwin Scholars  
Mixed Heritage

PASA (Pan Asian Student Association)  
RAICES  
SISTERS  
UMOJA  
QIPOC (Queer Identified People of Color and International Students)  
QCA (Queer Community Alliance)  
Genderqueer/Trans  
Spectrum Student Alliance  
new name for TSA - Trans Student Alliance

## PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA

The Big Skunk Ape Project  
The Climax  
Comics Collective  
International Film Collective  
Ksenos  
The Omen  
The Reader  
Tele-visionally Speaking  
Yurt Media Center

## RECREATIONAL GROUPS

4Ports  
Asian Media  
Excalibur  
Historical Reenactment Society  
Kyudo  
Magic Draft  
Mythos

Primitive Skills  
Relaxation and Bodywork Club  
Yoga Collective

## SPIRITUAL GROUPS

Hampshire Christian Fellowship  
Hampshire Quakers  
Jewish Student Union (JSU)  
Pagan Collective  
Shamanism Studies

## SPORTS GROUPS

Climbers' Coalition  
Hampshire College Equestrian Team  
Hampshire College Cycling Club  
Hampshire College Flag Football Coalition  
Hampshire College Gun Club  
Hampshire College Tennis Club  
Hampshire Health and Fitness  
Hampshire Fencing Club  
Intercollegiate Men's & Women's Basketball  
Intercollegiate Men's & Women's Soccer  
Intercollegiate Co-ed Ultimate Frisbee  
Live Ski or Die  
Red Scare Ultimate Frisbee  
Sports Co-op  
Surf Club ■



## Financial Aid

### HAMPSHIRE'S COMMITMENT TO FINANCIAL AID

Our financial aid budget of \$28 million includes both need-based and merit based aid. Our experienced staff provides applicants with individual assistance in completing forms and meeting deadlines.

We cannot emphasize enough the importance of applying for admission and financial aid. Aid policies vary among colleges, and only by applying can one evaluate whether our offer will work for your family.

For some students Hampshire is more affordable than a public institution. In addition, Hampshire students will not have difficulty obtaining a student loan, thanks to our participation in the Federal Direct Loan Program.

### ADMISSIONS PROCESS

#### Factors Regarding Admissions

The factors that ordinarily influence a candidate's probability of receiving an offer of admission are:

- Rigor of the high school program

- Academic performance
- Evidence of a critical and analytical thought process
- Quality of writing
- Passion for learning
- Demonstrated initiative and follow-through
- Activities and community involvement
- Ability to enrich our college community
- Hampshire's admissions committee seeks students who demonstrate the capacity to take full advantage of the unusually rich set of academic and social opportunities available at Hampshire and through Hampshire's participation in the Five College consortium.

#### First-year students are required to submit:

- The Common Application (including the personal essay)
- Hampshire Supplement (including the analytical essay)

- \$60 nonrefundable application fee (waived if submitted online)
- Teacher recommendation (pdf)
- School Report: counselor recommendation (pdf)
- Official high school transcript
- Official transcript(s) from any and all colleges attended (if applicable)
- Additional requirements for homeschooled applicants

### OPTIONAL APPLICATION MATERIALS FOR ALL FIRST-YEAR APPLICANTS

#### Interviews

Interviews are strongly encouraged. If a student is unable to interview on campus, we will make every effort to arrange a local interview with a graduate of the college or an admissions counselor visiting their area.

To schedule an interview, call the admissions office at 877.937.4267 at least two weeks in advance. Interviews must be completed by the admissions deadline.

#### TEST SCORES

College Board number: 3447;  
ACT number: 1842

Hampshire does not require submission of standardized tests. Test scores, if submitted, will not make or break our decision about the student's application. Should you decide to submit your scores, please forward exam results directly to the admissions office.

#### SAMPLE OF CREATIVE WORK

Although submissions of creative work rarely determine an admissions decision, they can add another dimension to a student's application and give a fuller picture of their interests and talents.

Following are examples of creative work that can be submitted on no more than three separate sheets of letter-size paper:

- Creative writing
- Slides of paintings, drawings, sculpture, or craft work (mounted and labeled in a letter-size slide sleeve)
- Photographs
- CD or DVD (no longer than fifteen minutes), or multimedia portfolio (please use a thin CD sleeve)

### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR HOMESCHOOLED APPLICANTS

At a minimum, homeschooled candidates are required to submit the Common Application's Home School Supplement.

While there are a wide variety of ways in which homeschooled students go about their education, it is the student's responsibility to present their homeschooling program in a manner that will enable the admissions committee to get the strongest sense of the high school program and level of achievement.

We suggest that the student's home school portfolio include the following information:

- A brief description of learning activity or course taken
- The dates and amount of time spent on the activity
- Texts read and work produced related to the learning activity (i.e. papers, projects, etc.)
- A grade or narrative assessment of work and growth in that area

Most activities used as part of the student's portfolio should have a grade or narrative evaluation of the student's work and progress.

For activities not evaluated by a teacher or supervisor, we require a self-assessment of the nature of the student's work and how it contributed to their intellectual growth. ►

It is strongly suggested, although not required, that applicants who do not have grades or detailed narrative evaluations from the last two years of high school submit results from one or more standardized tests such as SAT, ACT, SAT II, or AP.

Applicants who have taken the GED must submit official test results in addition to the secondary records.

**FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS**

This category includes students who have completed some college work prior to enrollment at Hampshire (fewer than 15 transferable semester credits).



First-Year Student Admission Plan	Deadline	Notification
Spring	November 15	December 15
Early Decision	November 15	December 15
Early Action	December 1	February 1
Regular Decision Fall	January 1	April 1

**EARLY DECISION (FALL 2011)**

Seniors in high school who consider Hampshire College their first and only choice are encouraged to use the early decision plan. Those accepted under the early decision plan must withdraw all applications to other colleges and commit themselves to attend Hampshire.

**EARLY ACTION (FALL 2011)**

Early action candidates are free to submit applications to other colleges.

**REGULAR ADMISSION**

First-year applicants ordinarily apply during their senior year of high school.

**EARLY ENTRANCE**

Students possessing exceptional maturity and academic ability may apply during their junior year of high school. A limited number of places are available for early entrance candidates: an on-campus interview is required, along with written approval from the student's high school. Note: Students who will receive a high school diploma after three years should apply as regular first-year candidates; they are eligible to apply under the early decision and early action plans.

**SPRING 2012**

Hampshire welcomes first-year applicants interested in enrolling for spring semester. ■

# Academic Calendar

**FALL TERM 2011**

Sept. 7	Classes begin at Hampshire
Oct. 8-11	October Break
Nov. 23-27	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 9	Last day of classes
Dec. 16-Jan. 2, 2012	Winter Recess

**JAN TERM 2012**

Jan. 3-Jan. 19

**SPRING TERM 2012**

Jan. 25	Classes begin at Hampshire
Mar. 17-25	Spring Break
May 4	Last day of classes
May 19	Commencement

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