

# 38

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
- Classics
- Computer Science
- Economics
- English
- Environmental Studies
- European Studies
- Film & Media Studies
- French
- Geology
- German
- History
- 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

# 6,000+

in Five College Consortium

## FIVE COLLEGE CONSORTIUM CERTIFICATES

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|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| African Studies                              | Logic                                       |
| Asian/Pacific/American Studies               | Middle Eastern Studies                      |
| Buddhist Studies                             | Native American and Indigenous Studies      |
| Coastal and Marine Sciences                  | Queer and Sexuality Studies                 |
| Culture, Health and Science                  | Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies |
| Ethnomusicology                              | Sustainability Studies                      |
| International Relations                      |                                             |
| Latin American, Caribbean and Latino Studies |                                             |

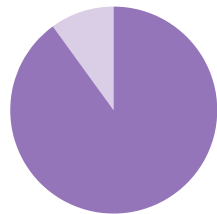
The consortium also has four centers for specialized study: Crossroads in the Study of the Americas, the Center for East Asian Studies, the Center for the Study of World Languages and the Women's Studies Research Center.

College students within a 16-kilometer radius: **30,000**

## ADMISSION AND FINANCIAL AID POLICY: NEED-BLIND

# 100%

of demonstrated need met; no loans required



International students on aid: **91%**

# \$59,164

Average international financial aid award  
for 2016-2017

SAT/ACT scores for  
mid-50% of Class  
of 2020 admitted  
students: 700-800  
(each section)  
/ 31-35

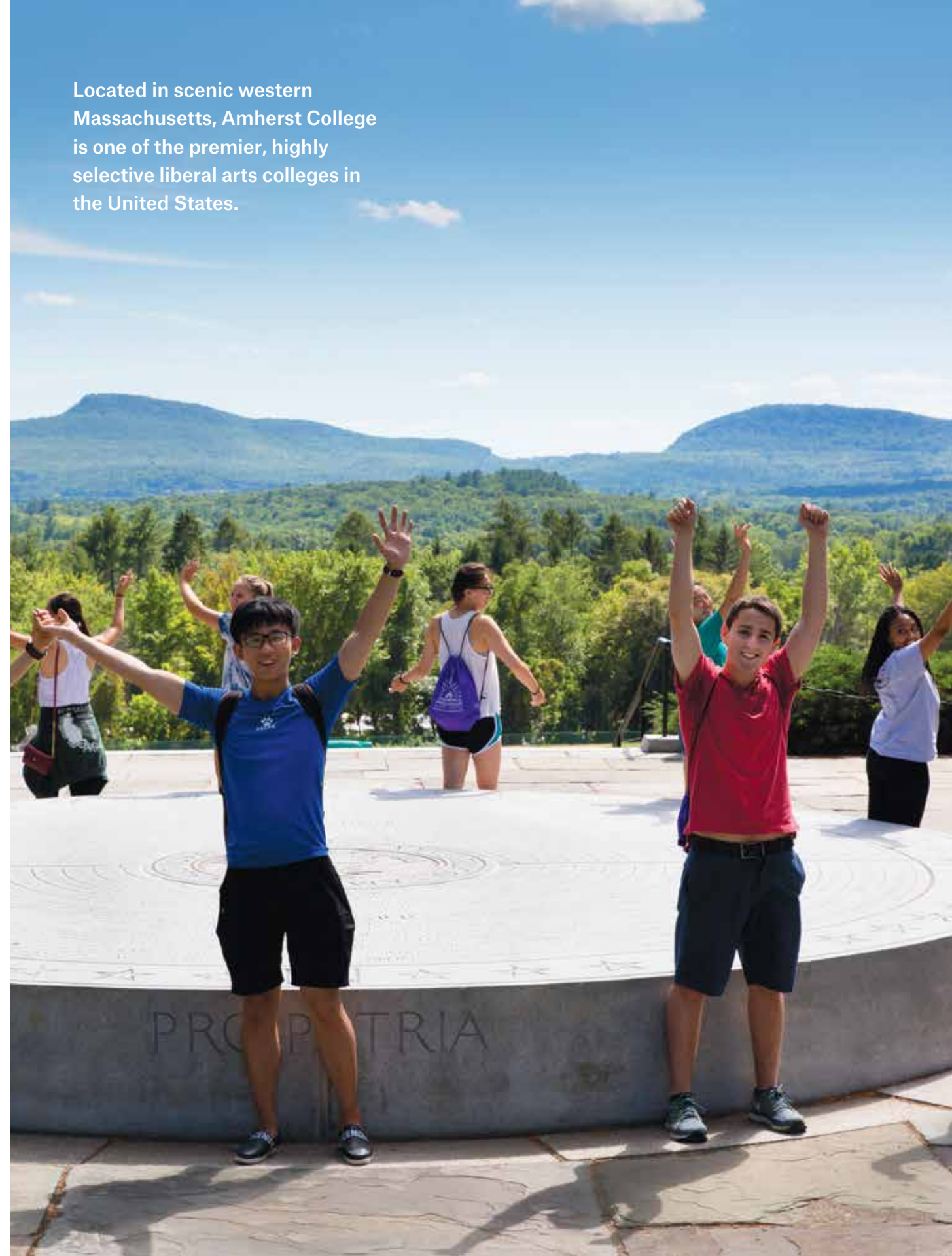
Minimum language-  
proficiency  
requirements:  
TOEFL: 100  
IELTS: 7.5

Required  
standardized  
test results:  
SAT (Writing Test  
recommended)  
or  
ACT (Essay  
Section  
recommended)

# 14%

Admission rate  
for Class of 2020

Located in scenic western  
Massachusetts, Amherst College  
is one of the premier, highly  
selective liberal arts colleges in  
the United States.



# Discovering

# Amherst



## Amherst, at a glance

**1,800**

Students

**1821**

Founded

**10%**

International students

**5%**

Dual-citizenship students

**84%**

Classes with fewer than 30 students

### GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Asia: **41%**

Africa: **21%**

Central/South America and Caribbean: **15%**

Europe: **12%**

Canada: **8%**

Middle East: **3%**



Student-faculty ratio: **8:1**

Amherst students who take a Five College course: **50%**

**51**

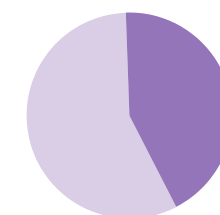
Countries represented

**30**

Languages spoken

**98%**

Students who live on campus



International students who graduate having completed a senior thesis: **43%**

**36%**

Students who graduate with more than one major

**40%+**

Students who study abroad

**150**

Student organizations



## 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 nearly 1,800 bright, ambitious, high-spirited students come from all walks of life, from nearly every U.S. state and 51 countries. Nearly 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 2016–2017, our average financial aid award for international students was \$59,164 per year, and 91 percent of our current international students receive need-based aid.





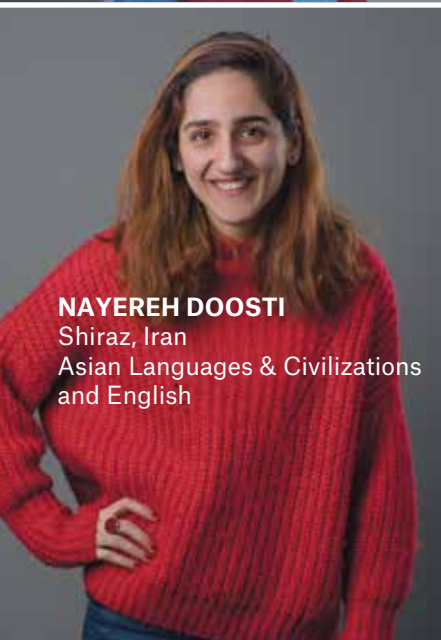
**JUAN GUARACAO**  
Bogota, Colombia  
Mathematics



**ELIJAH KOOME**  
Maua, Kenya  
English and  
Black Studies



**DANIELLA BENNETT**  
London, United Kingdom  
Math and French



**NAYEREH DOOSTI**  
Shiraz, Iran  
Asian Languages & Civilizations  
and English

**“Internationalization  
is vitally important  
to Amherst. Our  
programs prepare  
students for the  
realities of global  
interdependence.”**

**BIDDY MARTIN**  
President of Amherst College



**KIERAN BELLEW**  
Invercargill, New Zealand  
Computer Science and  
Asian Civilizations &  
Languages



**JADE LOH**  
Singapore, Singapore  
Political Science and  
Art History



**TRISHA IYENGAR**  
Mumbai, India  
Economics, Five  
College International  
Relations Certificate



**YUANZHE LIU**  
Wuhan, China  
History and  
Mathematics

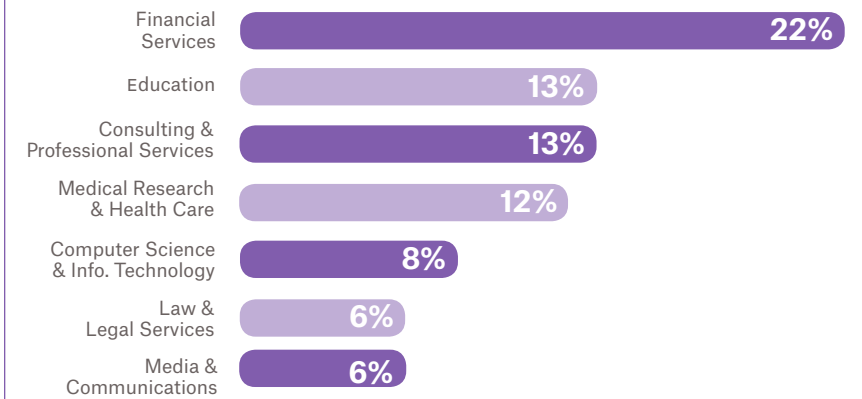
### Where does an Amherst education lead you?

**80%** of Amherst alumni report that they have attended graduate or professional schools.

#### Top graduate schools by enrollment:

- Harvard University
- University of California
- Columbia University
- Boston University
- Cambridge University
- Yale University
- Princeton University
- Johns Hopkins University
- University of North Carolina

### Employment by Industry



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### Countries of students currently enrolled

- Bangladesh
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Brazil
- Canada
- Chile
- China
- Colombia
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- Egypt
- El Salvador
- Ethiopia
- Germany
- Ghana
- Greece
- Guatemala
- India
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Jamaica
- Japan
- Kenya
- Korea, Republic of
- Latvia
- Lebanon
- Macedonia
- Mauritius
- Moldova
- Mongolia
- Morocco
- Nepal
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Pakistan
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Poland
- Serbia
- Singapore
- Somaliland
- South Africa
- Syria
- Taiwan
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Tunisia
- Turkey
- Uganda
- United Kingdom
- Uruguay
- Vietnam
- Zimbabwe

