Our Programs

Commonwealth Honors College (CHC) offers several innovative programs:

Honors Seminars

In our first-year Honors Seminar entitled “Ideas that Changed the World” students examine books and other works that have profoundly shaped the world in which we live.

Honors Living Learning Communities

We offer Honors Living-Learning Communities in multiple campus locations for students who want a residential experience that complements their academic objectives.

Honors Residential Academic Programs (RAPs)

Honors Residential Academic Programs (Honors RAPs) are living/learning communities arranged around a theme. In Honors RAPs honors students live together and also take at least one of their classes together.

National Scholarship Advisement

Our Office of National Scholarship Advisement helps students apply for and win prestigious national awards and scholarships.

International Scholars Program

CHC students can enhance their global perspectives and experience in study abroad by participating in our International Scholars Program and by completing the International Scholars Program Certificate.

Undergraduate Research Conference

At the annual Massachusetts Statewide Undergraduate Research Conference students from public campuses across Massachusetts gather to present their research, reporting on their independent work; theses or culminating projects; community service; or study
Self-Designed Majors (BDIC)

The Bachelor's Degree with Individual Concentration (BDIC) program offers the guidance and structure for creative and motivated students to design their own major. BDIC is not limited to CHC students.

Gateway Program

The Gateway Program offers 1-credit seminars to help honors students develop the professional and leadership skills to launch their careers.

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