Our Programs

Commonwealth Honors College (CHC) offers several innovative programs:

**Honors Seminars**

In our first-year [Honors Seminar](https://www.honors.umass.edu) 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](https://www.honors.umass.edu) 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](https://www.honors.umass.edu) (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](https://www.honors.umass.edu) 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](https://www.honors.umass.edu) and by completing the [International Scholars Program Certificate](https://www.honors.umass.edu).

**Undergraduate Research Conference**

At the annual [Massachusetts Statewide Undergraduate Research Conference](https://www.honors.umass.edu) students from public campuses across Massachusetts gather to present their research, reporting on their independent work; theses or culminating projects; community service; or study abroad.

**Self-Designed Majors (BDIC)**

The [Bachelor's Degree with Individual Concentration](https://www.honors.umass.edu) (BDIC) program offers the
guidance and structure for creative and motivated students to design their own major. BDIC is not limited to CHC students.

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