Visiting Us

Whether you are an incoming first-year student, transfer, or currently enrolled UMass Amherst student, the best way to learn about Commonwealth Honors College is to spend time on the campus and to speak with Commonwealth Honors College students and staff.

Honors Information Sessions for Prospective Students

Commonwealth Honors College student ambassadors hold information sessions for prospective students and their families. They offer a student’s view of life at UMass Amherst and the opportunities membership in Commonwealth Honors College holds. They can also answer questions about the college or refer students and their families to other offices for additional advice.

Information sessions are offered on weekdays when the office is open. The office is not open on state holidays or when the university is officially closed; for campus closures, see the UMass Amherst academic calendar.

Please make an appointment to attend an honors information session!

Sessions are held in room 305 of the Commonwealth Honors College administrative building,

which is located on Commonwealth Avenue next to the Recreation Center.

If you can’t make one of our scheduled session times, we’ll still do our best to meet when you are available. Contact our peer ambassadors at 413.577.2610 or outreach@honors.umass.edu.

Schedule a Campus Visit and Tour

To help you learn more about the campus, UMass Amherst regularly offers walking tours. The tour is not specific to Commonwealth Honors College, but the CHC Residential Community is one of the features along the 90-minute tour. The campus also conducts general information sessions about the UMass application process.

Schedule a UMass campus tour or register for a general information session through The Robsham Memorial Center for Visitors, The Visitor Center.
provides directions to campus, parking information, lodging suggestions and other useful information.

For students' privacy and protection, we cannot offer tours of Honors residence halls or student rooms.

UMass Amherst Spring Open Houses

During the spring semester, UMass Amherst holds a series of open houses for accepted students. This event is a great way for you and your family to learn more about UMass Amherst and Commonwealth Honors College before finalizing your college choice. Spend the day touring the campus, visiting labs and studios, and meeting faculty in your major, as well as hearing from students and staff of Commonwealth Honors College. Commonwealth Honors College holds information sessions as part of the Spring Open House schedule.

Accepted students must register for Spring Open House on the UMass Undergraduate Admissions website. When registering, be sure to check the box indicating your interest in Commonwealth Honors College.

Current UMass Amherst Students

Current UMass Amherst students who want to explore their eligibility to join Commonwealth Honors College can learn more by attending an information session. Review application information for current students for details on information session times, admissions requirements, and the application process.

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