About Honors Students

These statistics pertain to students enrolled in Commonwealth Honors College.

- Number of students that recently entered the Honors College:
  - Fall 2015 (entering first-years): 649
  - 2014-2015 (UMass students admitted as on-campus applicants): 478
- Total number of Commonwealth Honors College students (fall 2015): 3,706
- Percentage of UMass Amherst students in Commonwealth Honors College: about 16%
- Average honors class size: 17
- Percentage of CHC students who self-identify as ALANA*: 22%
- UMass faculty teaching honors courses: 317
- Year Commonwealth College opened: Fall 1999
- Year the college name changed to Commonwealth Honors College: Spring 2010
- Number of honors alums: more than 12,000

Earliest records of honors education at UMass Amherst:

1894 - first honors thesis
1960 - first campus-wide honors program that incorporated the arts & sciences as well as the professional schools

*African, Latin American, Asian, or Native American

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