Joining Commonwealth Honors College as a Current UMass Amherst Student

Application Process

A competitive application process is used to select students who demonstrate outstanding academic performance, are prepared for the rigors of an honors curriculum, and can contribute to the diversity of thought necessary to create an inclusive honors college community. If you are a UMass Amherst student ready to maximize your academic experience and engage in the process of completing an Honors Thesis or Project, we encourage you to apply to Commonwealth Honors College.

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Learn More

Before applying, learn more about the benefits of Commonwealth Honors College, the honors curriculum and requirements, the Commonwealth Honors College fee, and the credentials earned by graduating with honors.

Eligibility

Current UMass Amherst students are eligible to apply to Commonwealth Honors College if they have completed one full-time semester of 12 or more graded credits and earned an overall GPA of 3.400 or above at UMass Amherst. Admission is highly competitive so meeting minimum eligibility requirements does not guarantee admission to CHC. Your application will be rated on a) the quality and content of your answers to application questions, b) your writing skills, and c) the strength of your GPA.
| First-year student  
| Undeclared major  
| Pre-major (e.g., ISOM, ENGIN, Pre-Med) |

Should apply to the full curriculum with Advanced Scholarship in Multidisciplinary Honors

| Sophomore, junior, or senior with a declared major |

Should apply to

- the full curriculum with either Multidisciplinary Honors or Departmental Honors

OR

- one of the partial curriculum options:
  - Multidisciplinary Honors Only (MH)
  - Departmental Honors Only (DH)

Students applying for Departmental Honors must contact the Honors Program Director in their department to confirm eligibility and read carefully Departmental Requirements prior to applying for the DH track. DH track requirements can be found at the link below: https://www.honors.umass.edu/Departmentalhonors. You will need to explain your plan for completing DH in your department in the application.

### Curriculum Overview

See curriculum and requirements for details on each component of the Honors College curriculum. Depending on your academic status, you may choose to apply for entry into the full curriculum or into one of the Depth of Study options. Consider your options carefully. It may not be possible to switch plans without reapplying to CHC.

### Application Instructions

Instructions will be available during the week of February 25, 2019.

### Acceptance

Decisions will be sent to students by email, name@umass.edu which is your UMass official correspondence. Admission to Commonwealth Honors College will be recorded on SPIRE shortly after the decision is made. All accepted students must attend a CHC Orientation Session to
learn more about their membership, curriculum requirements, and benefits, and to sign the CHC Terms of Agreement. The Commonwealth Honors College Fee will be assessed for every semester in which you are enrolled in Commonwealth Honors College.

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