

## **Mount Holyoke Info Guide**

- **School type** <https://www.mtholyoke.edu/admission/apply>
  - Women's college
    - “As a women's college that is gender diverse, we welcome applications from female, trans and non-binary students.”
  - Private
- **School size (number of undergrads, number per class)**  
<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/iresearch/enrollment>
  - 2,190 undergrads (2019-2020 school year)
  - 1,915 undergrads (2020-2021 school year)
    - May be fewer due to COVID
- **Academics & Special Features**
  - **Five College Consortium** <https://www.fivecolleges.edu/>
    - Mount Holyoke, Amherst College, Hampshire College, Smith College, and University of Massachusetts, Amherst
    - Connected by free bus service in 6-mile radius
    - Opportunities with Five Colleges
      - Class registration, libraries, museums, and more events at all five colleges
  - **STEM** <https://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/stem>
    - According to the National Science Foundation survey of earned doctorates (1968-2017), “Mount Holyoke launches the greatest number of women who go on to earn doctorates in [STEM].”
    - About 35% of students major in STEM
    - **STEM Centers**
      - Science Center <https://www.mtholyoke.edu/about/science>
        - Available to students from all years of college
        - Features equipment such as scanning & transmission electron microscopes, custom-built Mossbauer spectrometer, GeoProcessing Laboratory with GIS, DNA sequencing equ

- **The Fimbel Maker & Innovation Lab**

<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/fimbellab/facilities-and-equipment>

- Open for general use, unless a time slot is scheduled
- Includes spaces such as a kitchen and lounge, multipurpose room and brainstorming room, General Workspace and Wood & Metal Working Shop
- Includes equipment such as 3-D printers, laser cutters, soldering stations, sewing machines, vacuum formers, vinyl cutters, hand and power tools, and a woodworking & metalworking shop

- **Arts** <https://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/arts-connect-mhc>

- **Annual/Biennial Events at Mount Holyoke**

- Crafting a Life in the Arts
  - Career workshop meeting with alumnae in arts every other year
- Leading women in the arts
  - Presentations to bring college academic work into “public sphere”
- Glascock Poetry Contest
  - Poetry contest with other colleges, competitive nomination and judging process
- Signature Events in Music
- Five-College Student Festival and Video Festival
  - Competitive film festival event by Five College students

- **Student-to-faculty ratio**

<https://www.usnews.com/best-colleges/mount-holyoke-college-2192#:~:text=The%20student%2Dfaculty%20ratio%20at,with%20fewer%20than%2020%20students.>

- 9:1 student-to-faculty ratio

- **Degree Programs**

- **Things to Take Note Of**

- <https://www.mtholyoke.edu/registrar/myths> \*Does not offer bachelor of science (B.S.), only bachelor of arts (B.A.) degree\*
- <https://www.mtholyoke.edu/sites/default/files/registrar/docs/GradRequirements-Quick%20Reference.pdf>
  - May choose second major or minor, not both
  - Courses can be double-counted for Nexus/Five College, not for minor or major
- **List of majors** <https://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/majors>
  - **Offered as both a major or minor**
    - Africana Studies, Ancient Studies, Anthropology, Architectural Studies, Art History, Art Studio, Astronomy, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Classics, Computer Science, Critical Social Thought, Dance, Economics, English, Environmental Studies, French, Gender Studies, Geography, Geology, German Studies, Greek, History, Italian, Latin, Latin American Studies, Mathematics, Music, Philosophy, Physics, Psychology, Religion, Romance Languages and Cultures, Russian and Eurasian Studies, Sociology, Spanish (Hispanophone Studies), and Statistics
  - **Major Only**
    - Biochemistry, Data Science, East Asian Studies, Film Media Theater, Middle Eastern Studies, Neuroscience & Behavior, and Psychology & Education
  - **Minor Only**
    - Arabic, Asian Studies, Chinese, Education (with teacher licensure), Educational Studies, Entrepreneurship, Organizations & Society, Japanese, Jewish Studies, Latina/o Studies, Nexus Program (various minors), Russian Culture and Literature, Russian Language
  - **Five College certificate Only**
    - Artican Studies, Asian/Pacific/American Studies, Bio-Mathematical Sciences, Buddhist Studies, Coastal & Marine Sciences, Cognitive Neuroscience, Culture, Health, & Science, Ethnomusicology, Latin

American, Caribbean, & Latino Studies, Logic, Middle Eastern Studies, Native American & Indigenous Studies, Queer & Sexuality Studies, Reproductive Health, Rights, & Justice, Russian, East European, & Eurasian Studies, and Sustainability Studies

■ **Offered as both a Five College Certificate or Major**

- International Relations

■ **Other Degree Programs**

● **Dual-degree program for engineering**

<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/engineering>

- 5-year program
- Partnering colleges

- University of Massachusetts College of Engineering, Thayer School of Engineering at Dartmouth College, and California Institute of Technology (CalTech)

● **Preparatory Programs** <https://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/majors>

- Pre-law and Pre-health

● **Licensure Program** <https://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/teach>

- Teacher Licensure programs

● **Nexus Programs** <https://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/nexus>

- Create an individual program with an internship experience and present at the Learning from Application Symposium in their junior/senior year
- Data Science, Developmental Studies, Educational Policy and Practice, Engineering, Global Business, Journalism, Media, and Public Discourse, Law, Public Policy, & Human Rights, Museums, Archives, & Public History, and Nonprofit organizations

● **International Guest Students**

[https://www.mtholyoke.edu/global/international\\_students/international\\_guest\\_students](https://www.mtholyoke.edu/global/international_students/international_guest_students)

- International students may apply as a guest student for one semester or year
- **Most popular majors according to U.S. News**  
<https://www.usnews.com/best-colleges/mount-holyoke-college-2192#:~:text=The%20student%2Dfaculty%20ratio%20at,with%20fewer%20than%2020%20students.>
  - “Computer Science; Biology/Biological Sciences, General; Economics, General; Experimental Psychology; and Political Science and Government, General.”
- **Most popular majors according to Niche**  
<https://www.niche.com/colleges/mount-holyoke-college/majors/>
  - Economics, Computer Science, Biology, Research, and Experimental Psychology, English, International Relations, and Mathematics
- **Most popular majors according to Mount Holyoke’s website**  
<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/about/top-majors-mount-holyoke-what-makes-them-popular>
  - English, Computer Science, Psychology, Biology, Politics, Mathematics, Neuroscience, Biochemistry, Sociology, Economics, and Environmental Studies
- **Student life (clubs, greek life, organizations, etc)**  
[https://events.mtholyoke.edu/search/groups?group\\_types%5B%5D=142227](https://events.mtholyoke.edu/search/groups?group_types%5B%5D=142227)
  - Over 100 student organizations and students may join clubs in Five College Consortium
  - No sororities or Greek Life (Unigo)
- **Opportunities (internships, honors programs)**
  - **Honors**  
<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/registrar/honor-societies-mount-holyoke-college>
    - No honors program, although students can graduate with honors and join honor societies
  - **Internships set aside for MHC students**  
<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/cdc/internships/opportunities>
    - International Internship Program

- International summer internships for sophomores and juniors
- Miller Worley Center for the Environment Leadership Fellowships
  - Internships with non-profit organizations
- Nexus
  - Connect academic with professional work
- Community-based Learning
  - Internship with nonprofit organizations
- Off-campus work study
- On-campus work study
- Link program <https://www.mtholyoke.edu/link/how-link-works>
  - Flexible program where students may interact with alumnae, visit industry sites, and gain an internship experience
- **Location** <https://www.mtholyoke.edu/about/visit/directions>
  - South Hadley, Massachusetts
  - Less than 90 miles away from Boston
  - Weather  
<https://weatherspark.com/y/25628/Average-Weather-in-South-Hadley-Massachusetts-United-States-Year-Round>
    - Prepare for snowy winters and warm summers
      - Temperature usually varies from 17-83 degrees Fahrenheit
- **Surrounding area**
  - South Hadley town
  - **Attractions**  
[https://www.tripadvisor.com/AttractionsNear-g41831-d288112-Mount\\_Holyoke\\_College-South\\_Hadley\\_Hampshire\\_County\\_Massachusetts.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/AttractionsNear-g41831-d288112-Mount_Holyoke_College-South_Hadley_Hampshire_County_Massachusetts.html)
    - Skinner Park, Mount Holyoke College Botanical Gardens and Talcott Greenhouse, Mount Holyoke Art Museum, Odyssey Bookshop, McCray's Farm, Mount Tom State Reservation, Emily Dickinson Museum, Lady Bea Boat Rides, Pioneer Valley Food Tours, Thornes Marketplace, Academy Music Theater, Manhan Rail Trail, and Fort Hill Brewery, among others
- **Application info (deadline, cost, essays)**

- Application Materials
  - Allows both Common App or Coalition
  - Mount Holyoke Writing Supplement (optional)
    - Although optional, most sources strongly recommend writing one anyways,
  - Recommendations from ONE Counselor, and TWO Teachers of Academically Core Subjects
  - “Interview optional but strongly encouraged”
- **Cost** <https://www.mtholyoke.edu/sfs/cost-attendance>
  - Total cost per year (including room and board, fees, and estimated unbilled costs)
    - \$75,098
  - Although most students live on campus, some students (Frances Perkins Program or approved by the college) may live off-campus
- **Potential Merit Scholarships** - *first-year applicants are automatically considered* <https://www.mtholyoke.edu/admission/merit>
  - Trustee Scholarship - full-tuition scholarship
  - 21st Century Scholarship - “first-year students recognized for their outstanding record of scholarship, co-curricular achievement, and considerable leadership potential”
  - Chin Scholarship - “are first-year students whose academic excellence is paired with an impressive record of community service and engagement.”
  - **Potential Leadership and Global Perspectives Scholarships** <https://www.mtholyoke.edu/admission/merit-awards>
    - (Non-US citizens) Global Perspectives Award
    - (US-citizens) Leadership Award
- **Selectivity % and Rankings** <https://www.usnews.com/best-colleges/mount-holyoke-college-2192>
  - 38% (2020)
  - #34 in Liberal Arts Colleges (2021)
  - #30 in Undergraduate Teaching (2021)

- #57 in Best Value Schools
- **School's strengths (ex: pre-med, humanities, etc)**
  - STEM, humanities, and the arts
- **Core curriculum/requirements**
  - Physical Education 4 credits by the end of the fourth semester. Credits do not count towards graduation credits.
  - **Required Academic Classes**  
<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academicdeans/firstyear/understanding-the-curriculum>
    - 1 class in each of the following
      - humanities, science, math, and social sciences
    - 1-semester foreign language
    - 1 course focused on multicultural perspectives
    - 1st semester at Mount Holyoke, First-Year Seminar
  - **Graduation Requirements**
    - 128 credits (PE is not included in this total)
      - 64 credits at Mount Holyoke
      - Of your last three years, two must be spent at Mount Holyoke. One of three years can be at a program at another college or university.
      - Chart of Graduation Requirements:  
<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/sites/default/files/registrar/docs/GradRequirements-Quick%20Reference.pdf>
    - A cumulative 2.00 GPA
- **Housing (on-campus vs off-campus, details on housing)**
  - **Housing Process** <https://www.mtholyoke.edu/reslife/housing>
    - Incoming students assigned roommates based on answers to the "Roommate Matching Profile." Returning students are placed into a housing lottery.
  - There are washers/dryers and heating systems
  - Housing is also available during holiday breaks
  - **Housing Styles** <https://www.mtholyoke.edu/reslife/residence-halls>
    - First-year students typically live with up to three other roommates
    - Sophomores, juniors, seniors will select room type via housing lottery



- Apartments
  - Standard Furnishings
  - Quiet Floors
  - Residence Hall Heating Systems
- **The Living-Learning communities (LLCs)**
  - <https://www.mtholyoke.edu/reslife/living-learning-communities>
  - These communities combine students with “students who share common educational, social or co-curricular interests to live together in residence halls”
  - **LLCS are the following:**
    - Arts, First-Year Experience, Gloria Anzaldua, Leadership within the First-Year Experience, Interfaith, Language Communities, Livin’ Free, Lyon’s Legacy, Lyons’ Nation, Mary Wooley, Mi Gente, Mosaic, Outdoor Adventure, QTPOC, Shirley Chisholm, and Transfer
- **Food on and off-campus**
  - **On-Campus Dining Services**
    - [https://menu.mtholyoke.edu/location.aspx?\\_ga=2.233124062.1754032853.1617385894-1601260817.1608926714](https://menu.mtholyoke.edu/location.aspx?_ga=2.233124062.1754032853.1617385894-1601260817.1608926714)
    - Ranked #387/1,377 for Best College Food in America
      - <https://www.niche.com/colleges/mount-holyoke-college/rankings/>
    - **Dining Services Certification**
      - Mount Holyoke College Dining Services certified by Green Restaurant Association, judging on these seven categories
        - water efficiency, waste reduction and recycling, energy, disposables, sustainable food, sustainable furnishings and building materials, and chemical and pollution reduction.”
      - <https://www.mtholyoke.edu/media/mount-holyokes-dining-now-green>
    - Academic Meal Hours

- Breakfast: 7:15-9:15am, Grab n Go: 10:30-2 pm, Lunch: 11am -12pm, Dinner: 5-8 pm, Take-out available during meal hours

■ **Stations in the Dining Services**

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- Classics, Grill, Global, Wok, Baraka-Halal, Harvest & Desserts, L'Chaim Kosher, Grab N Go, Willits Quarantine & Isolation Menu (for students in temporary housing)

○ **Restaurants Within 6 Miles**

■ **Restaurants Across Campus**

<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/about/visit/restaurants>

- Food 101 (bar & bistro), IYA Sushi and Noodle Kitchen, Johnny's Bar and Grille, Main Moon Chinese Restaurant, Tailgate Picnic, The Thirsty Mind Coffee and Wine Bar, The Yard Tavern, Wow! Frozen Yogurt

■ **Other High-Ranking Restaurants (Rankings as of April 2021)**

[https://www.tripadvisor.com/RestaurantsNear-g41831-d288112-Mount\\_Holyoke\\_College-South\\_Hadley\\_Hampshire\\_County\\_Massachusetts.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/RestaurantsNear-g41831-d288112-Mount_Holyoke_College-South_Hadley_Hampshire_County_Massachusetts.html)

- Herell's Ice Cream & Bakery (#1 out of #110 in Northampton)
- Delaney's Grill (#1 of 75 in Holyoke)
- Sylvester's Restaurant (#3 of 110 in Northampton)
- Atkins Farm Country Market (#3 of 73 in Amherst)
- Frontera Grill (#2 of 93 in Chicopee)
- Paul & Elizabeth's (#4 of 110 in in Northampton)
- Thai Place (#8 of 27 in South Hadley)
- Among others