

# Other Degree and Certificate Programs

## Other Undergraduate Degree Programs

### The Second Bachelor's Degree

Mount Holyoke welcomes students interested in earning a second bachelor's degree. Candidates must submit an official college transcript with conferred degree verification, an autobiographical essay, a proposed plan of study, and two letters of recommendation.

Candidates for a second bachelor's degree are not eligible for financial aid from Mount Holyoke College but may qualify for federal student loans.

Candidates seeking to earn a second bachelor's degree must spend a minimum of four semesters at Mount Holyoke. They must earn a minimum of 64 Mount Holyoke academic credits (beyond their first undergraduate degree), and complete College and distribution requirements, as well as requirements of their declared major. A minor is not required.

Applications for admission should be sent to: The Second Bachelor's Degree Program, c/o The Frances Perkins Program, Mount Holyoke College, 50 College Street, South Hadley, Massachusetts, 01075, or may be submitted by completing the inquiry form on the Frances Perkins Web site at [www.mtholyoke.edu/fp](http://www.mtholyoke.edu/fp).

Applications are accepted throughout the academic year. Two entrance dates are available: September and late January, with a preferred deadline of March 1 for fall entrance and December 1 for spring.

### Dual-Degree Programs

Mount Holyoke offers several dual-degree opportunities. For information about credit received at other institutions, see the Academic Regulations chapter.

### Engineering

Mount Holyoke participates in the following dual-degree engineering programs, allowing students to earn two bachelors degrees in five years.

#### *Thayer School of Engineering at Dartmouth College*

Students who choose the Dartmouth program spend their junior year at Dartmouth College taking engineering courses. They return to Mount Holyoke for their senior year and earn their A.B. from Mount Holyoke. Following graduation, students spend an additional year at the Thayer School to be eligible to earn a bachelor's of engineering (B.E.). Admission to the program is through both an internal Mount Holyoke application for the dual degree and a direct application to Thayer.

### *California Institute of Technology (Caltech)*

Admission to Caltech is through its admission committee. Accepted students will spend their fourth and fifth years at Caltech and, after successful completion of that program, will receive both a bachelor of science degree from Caltech and the bachelor of arts from Mount Holyoke.

### *UMass 2-1-1-1 Program in Engineering*

This program allows a Mount Holyoke student to earn a second bachelor's degree, in engineering, to be awarded by the University of Massachusetts, in the year following her graduation from Mount Holyoke. Students may major in chemical, civil, electrical, industrial, mechanical, environmental, and computer engineering. The program requires a fifth year of undergraduate tuition.

Ordinarily, the student will spend her junior year at UMass, registered in the appropriate engineering courses through Five College cross-registration. After her fourth year at Mount Holyoke, she will attend UMass for her fifth year. The program is administered by an advisory committee consisting of one member from each participating MHC science department, including mathematics/statistics, as well as a similar committee at UMass, consisting of one member from each participating engineering department.

A student pursuing the dual-degree program must have an MHC advisor from the committee and a UMass advisor no later than her sophomore year. In consultation with her advisors, the student maps out a plan of study for her sophomore, junior, senior, and postsenior years. The plan must satisfy all graduation requirements at both schools and be approved by both advisors.

For more information about any of these engineering programs, contact Kathy Aidala (physics), Wei Chen (chemistry), Paul Dobosh (computer science), Thomas Millette (earth and environment), or Harriet Pollatsek (mathematics), or visit [www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/math/other/engineering/](http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/math/other/engineering/).

### **Latin American Studies Program, Five-Year Cooperative Degree Program, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University**

This five-year cooperative degree program offers exceptional undergraduate students at selected institutions the opportunity to complete the requirements of both the bachelor's degree and the master of arts degree in Latin American Studies at Georgetown within a five-year period. Qualified students should declare their interest in the cooperative degree program during their junior year and apply by May 1 of their senior year. Applicants should have demonstrated academic strength in Latin American content. For more information, contact Lowell Gudmundson at 413-538-2378. The contact person at Georgetown University is Julie Walsh, [walshje@georgetown.edu](mailto:walshje@georgetown.edu).

## **The Graduate Degree Program**

### **The Master of Arts Degree**

Currently Mount Holyoke admits graduate students only to the Department of Psychology and Education to study for the master of arts degree in psychology. Information about admission to graduate study and assistantships is available in the Admission chapter.

### **Course Planning and Advising**

Graduate student advising and the details of graduate life are administered by each department offering graduate work. The Committee on Graduate Work, consisting of the dean of the College, chair, and representatives from each department offering graduate work, approves thesis proposals and theses; adjudicates petitions for exceptions and waivers to the requirements; and reviews graduate requirements and procedures, forms, fees, and stipends. In addition to a student's individual advisor, each department has a graduate advisor, appointed by the department. The academic dean for advising graduate students is the dean of the college.

The master of arts can usually be completed in two years, but it must be completed in no more than five years.

Each graduate student must prepare a proposed plan of study and submit the plan—signed by the student and the student's advisor—to the department and to the Committee on Graduate Work before the last day to add a class in the beginning of the semester, usually the fall semester. Changes in that plan must be submitted to the department and to the Committee on Graduate Work as soon as possible.

### **The Master of Arts Thesis**

After one year of course work, or 16 credits, the student decides on the subject and scope of the master of arts thesis in consultation with the advisor and the department. The thesis is undertaken for a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 12 credits. The student must submit a thesis topic, signed both by the student and by the thesis director (usually the advisor), to the Committee on Graduate Work within eight weeks of the opening of the first semester of the year in which the degree is taken, usually the fall semester of the second year. The student defends the thesis before a committee comprising her advisor, the chair of the department, and one outside reader. The Committee on Graduate Work reviews the thesis, accepting it as one of the requirements for the master of arts degree.

## **Certificate and Licensure Programs**

### **The Postbaccalaureate Prehealth Program**

The Postbaccalaureate Prehealth program is designed for individuals who have earned an undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university and who now wish to prepare for application to graduate programs in the health professions (e.g., medical, veterinary, dental, physical therapy, etc.) Candidates must hold a bach-

elor's degree and have a strong academic record. The program is not intended to offset a weak record in the sciences. Successful applicants typically have had few or no science courses as undergraduates and have earned an undergraduate GPA greater than 3.2.

Most students spend two years in the program and tend to take, at a minimum, a full year of biology, a full year of physics, and two full years of chemistry. Many also may need to take courses in mathematics and statistics, advanced courses in biology and biochemistry, or other advanced science courses required for admission to a specific program.

Postbaccalaureates who successfully complete a minimum of 32 credits will be awarded a Certificate of Achievement. Postbaccalaureates who plan to satisfy requirements for entrance to a graduate program may design an educational program that does not entail meeting the minimum credit requirements for the certificate.

Candidates must submit official SAT or GRE scores, college transcripts, an application essay, and two letters of recommendation. An interview is also required. Applications for admission are accepted throughout the academic year. The application deadline for admission in the spring is October 15. The deadline for admission in the fall is April 1. Most students begin their studies in the fall. Students enrolling in this program are not eligible for financial aid from Mount Holyoke College but may qualify for federal student loans.

Candidates may obtain further information by writing to The Postbaccalaureate Pre-health Program, Mount Holyoke College, 50 College Street, South Hadley, Massachusetts, 01075, or by completing the inquiry form on the Web site at <http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/prehealth/request.html>.

### **Teacher Licensure Program**

The teacher licensure programs at Mount Holyoke enable students to apply for a Massachusetts (and NASDTEC Interstate Contract) "initial" license in the following areas: early childhood education (PreK–2), elementary education (1–6), biology teacher (5–8) and (8–12), English teacher (8–12), history teacher (5–8) and (8–12), mathematics teacher (5–8) and (8–12); earth science (5–8) and (8–12), French (5–12), German (5–12), Italian (5–12), Spanish (5–12), Russian (5–12), Latin and classical humanities (5–12), music (all levels), political science (5–8) and (8–12), and visual art (PreK–8) and (5–12). (Students may also have the opportunity to apply for an initial license in dance (PreK–12), subject to approval by the Massachusetts Department of Education in 2010.)

For additional information about Mount Holyoke College Teacher Licensure Programs, please see the Psychology and Education chapter.

### **Foreign Fellowship Program**

Mount Holyoke awards 13 fellowships annually to international students who assist in a language department while studying for the Certificate for International Students. These awards are open to students who are native speakers of Italian or Spanish, who have completed at least one year of university study in their home country,

and who expect to return home after completion of their studies in the United States. Foreign fellowships cover full tuition, room and board, and a stipend for six to eight hours of work per week as conversation assistants in the language department. Completed applications are due February 1 each year. For more information and application forms, contact the McCulloch Center for Global Initiatives at 413-538-2072.

### **International Guest Student Program**

International students who wish to study in the United States for a period of one semester or one year may apply to the International Guest Student Program. This program provides an excellent opportunity to explore a particular field of study in depth; to explore a wide range of disciplines; and to become familiar with the United States and its educational system.

International guest students pay a partially discounted rate for tuition and room and board. For more information, contact the Office of Admission at 413-538-2023.

### **Certificate for International Students**

Students from other countries who are enrolled in nondegree programs may select courses that will enable them to qualify for the Certificate for International Students. The program requires a minimum of one year in residence and a cumulative average of 2.0 for 20 credits of work.

Students may earn a certificate in general studies or in a particular field, such as American studies, international relations, or English. Students may choose a field from any of the departmental or regular interdisciplinary majors offered at the College and may want to consult with the department concerned, their academic advisor, or with the dean of international students about their course selections.

Students choosing to earn a certificate in a specific field must complete at least 12 of 20 credits of graded course work in that field with satisfactory academic standing. Students who complete their program of study with a cumulative average of 3.5 or better receive the certificate with distinction. For more information about international student programs, contact the McCulloch Center for Global Initiatives at 413-538-2072.