

Admission

Most Mount Holyoke students seek admission for the bachelor of arts degree. The College also offers graduate degree, dual degree, second bachelor's, and other certificate programs.

Undergraduate Admission

Mount Holyoke College is looking for intellectually curious, motivated students who understand the value of a liberal arts education. The College believes in the educational, social, and ethical value of diversity and actively recruits students who have different interests and talents and who come from a wide spectrum of ethnic, geographic, and economic backgrounds.

The Admission Process

Entrance is determined by a student's overall record. To gain admission to Mount Holyoke, it is important to have a strong academic foundation. The College seeks students who have consistently challenged themselves by taking honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses, or their equivalent, or enrolled in the International Baccalaureate (IB) program. A strong academic program would include a minimum of three years in core classes (English, mathematics, foreign language, laboratory science), and two years in history. Please note that this program is preferred, not required.

While the greatest weight is given to school records and evaluations, consideration is also given to the big picture, which includes special talents, particular goals, and character. The College is also interested in how students express themselves in writing, and the admission committee looks closely at student essays. Finally, the College seeks students whose interests and aspirations match the opportunities offered by Mount Holyoke.

Standardized Testing: Optional

Students are welcome to submit Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and ACT scores. However, beginning with the class entering in the fall of 2001, Mount Holyoke has made it optional for applicants to submit SAT scores—as well as scores from other standardized tests such as the ACT—for admission to the College.

Application Requirements

- Common Application and Mount Holyoke Common Application Supplement
- High school transcript
- Writing samples
- Two teacher evaluations
- College counselor evaluation
- Standardized tests: submission of SAT and ACT scores is optional (home-schooled students are required to submit either the ACT or three SAT subject tests); TOEFL or IELTS (required of students for whom English is not a primary language)
- Application fee (\$60, waived if you apply online)

- Parent/Peer Evaluation optional

Interviews

Mount Holyoke College strongly recommends personal interviews for all candidates. Candidates must make appointments in advance.

Candidates who are unable to visit campus may meet with alumnae representatives in their home or school areas. A list of alumnae admission representatives can be obtained from the admission office.

Home Schooling

Mount Holyoke welcomes applications from students who have been schooled at home. To facilitate the application process, the College advises home-schooled candidates to contact the admission office early in the process. In addition to completing the Mount Holyoke application forms, candidates must submit the Home School Supplement to the Secondary School Report, as well as two letters of recommendation that speak to the candidate's academic and personal qualifications. Applicants are also required to take the ACT or three SAT subject tests.

Application Plans

- Early Decision I: deadline November 15; notification January 1
- Early Decision II: deadline January 1; notification February 1
- Regular Decision: deadline January 15; notification April 1 (Every year, a number of regular decision applicants are admitted for entrance in the second semester.)

Early Decision

Early Decision is for students who have made Mount Holyoke their first choice. Students who apply Early Decision may apply to other colleges, but may not apply Early Decision to any other college. Students who are admitted through Early Decision must withdraw all other applications.

Transfer Applicants

Transfer applications are welcome from students with at least 16 transferable credits and strong academic records from two-year and community colleges, as well as from four-year colleges and universities. Transfer students are admitted both in the fall and spring. Please consult the Office of Admission Web site or the transfer application for application deadlines. Transfer application requirements include:

- Transfer Common Application and Mount Holyoke Common Application Supplement for Transfer Students
- College official's form
- Instructor evaluation
- Secondary school report
- High school transcripts
- College transcripts
- Writing samples
- TOEFL score (if applicable)

- \$60 application fee (waived if you apply online)

For more information regarding transfer credit policies, please refer to the Academic Regulations chapter.

International Applicants

International students are welcome and vital members of the Mount Holyoke community, and the College actively recruits international applicants. International applicants may apply for the full four-year bachelor of arts degree program. Other options include the Foreign Fellowship Program and the International Guest Student Program (see the Other Degree and Certificate Programs chapter).

In addition to completing the Mount Holyoke application forms, international applicants are also required to submit the International School Supplement to the Secondary School Report.

The Frances Perkins Program

The Frances Perkins Program is designed for women over 24 years of age who have interrupted their undergraduate study and wish to continue and complete a bachelor of arts degree. Younger students who are married or have children may also apply to the Frances Perkins Program. The program also welcomes all veterans of military service.

The program is named in honor of one of Mount Holyoke College's most extraordinary alumnae, Frances Perkins 1902, who was the first woman appointed to a presidential cabinet.

A full-time program for Frances Perkins scholars is defined as either 16 credits (four courses) for residential students or 12 credits (three courses) for students who commute to campus; Frances Perkins scholars may also carry a part-time program of 8 credits (two courses) if they do not live in a residence hall. Frances Perkins scholars meet all of the degree requirements, participate in the total academic offerings of the College, are assigned faculty advisors, and have full access to the resources and facilities of the College.

Applying to the Frances Perkins Program

The admission process for Frances Perkins scholars is similar to that of traditional-age students, with appropriate allowance for the special circumstances of the nontraditional student. To qualify for admission, candidates must present a minimum of 32 transferrable college credits. Applicants seeking financial aid must complete the financial aid form and the FAFSA by March 1. The admission application deadline is March 1 for September enrollment. Those applying for admission without financial aid are urged to meet the same deadline, but may submit completed applications until June 1 for September enrollment. Applications for January entrance will be considered on November 15.

Candidates may obtain further information about undergraduate studies through this program by contacting the Frances Perkins Program, Mount Holyoke College, 50

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College Street, South Hadley, Massachusetts 01075, 413-538-2077, or by completing the inquiry form on the Frances Perkins website at *www.mtholyoke.edu/fp*.

Other Degree and Certificate Programs at the Undergraduate Level

See the Other Degree and Certificate Programs chapter for information about admission to the following: the Second Bachelor's Degree; dual-degree programs in engineering and Latin American studies; the Postbaccalaureate Prehealth Program; teacher licensure programs; the Foreign Fellowship and International Guest Student programs; and certificate programs for international students.

Readmission

For information on readmission, see the Academic Regulations chapter.