

Mount Holyoke College

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CAMPUS LIFE

Quality of life Rating	91
Fire Safety Rating	79
Green rating	76
Type of School	Private
Environment	Town

STUDENTS

Total undergrad enrollment	2,287
% Male to Female	0/100
% From out of state	74
% From public high school	58
% Live on Campus	94
% African American	4
% Asian	7
% Caucasian	48
% Hispanic	7
% International	21
# Of Countries Represented	74

ACADEMICS

Academic Rating	98
% Of students graduating within 4 years	74
% Of students graduating within 6 years	82
Calendar	semester
Profs interesting rating	97
Profs accessible rating	96
Most common reg class size	10–19 students
Most common lab size	10–19 students

MOST POPULAR MAJORS

Biology, international relations
political science

SPECIAL STUDY OPTIONS

Cooperative education program, cross-registration, double major, exchange student program (domestic), independent study, internships, liberal arts/career combination, student-designed major, study abroad, teacher certification program, Community-based learning courses and First-Year seminars. Special programs offered to physically disabled students include note-taking services, reader services, voice recorders, tutors.

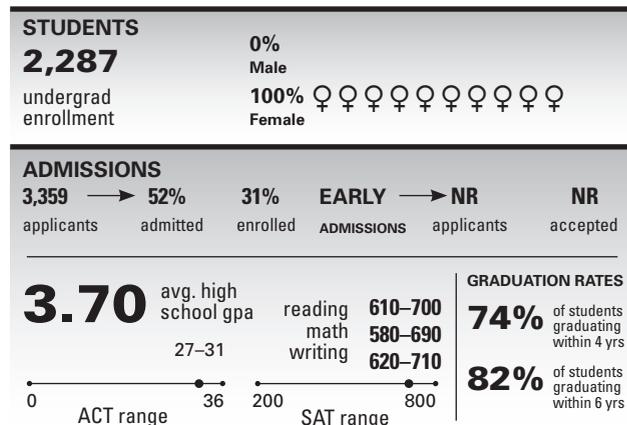
ABOUT THE SCHOOL

From its outstanding academic program and facilities to its accomplished students to the formidable faculty that love teaching as much as research, Mount Holyoke provides a first-rate experience. The academic experience is phenomenal. So is the library. The dorms are luxurious, too. This small, elite, all-female school also boasts extremely approachable professors. Students say that they are “beyond accessible, and always more than willing to make the effort to meet with you outside of class.” They pile on the homework, though. Students here have to work very hard to make good grades, but many maintain that they have “never had a better classroom experience.” Undergraduate research is remarkably commonplace, and the college offers over one-half million dollars every summer for students to conduct unpaid internship and research projects. Membership in the Five College Consortium is another perk. Mount Holyoke students can benefit from more than 5,000 courses, all manner of cultural events, and tons of the resources of four other prominent schools within a 12-mile radius: Amherst, Hampshire, Smith, and University of Massachusetts–Amherst.

Despite its impressive legacy, Mount Holyoke is anything but an ivory tower: students are encouraged to develop a meaningful connection to the world through community-based learning courses; a Speaking, Arguing and Writing Center; and by developing their own networks from among the student body. According to students, Mount Holyoke is focused on “empowering women to pursue leadership positions in fields about which they are passionate.” Mount Holyoke’s Nexus: Curriculum to Career program enables students to link their liberal arts education with their career goals through internships, research projects, and summer employment.

BANG FOR YOUR BUCK

Mount Holyoke College makes an extraordinary and extraordinarily successful effort to support an economically diverse student population. Almost three-quarters of students receive some sort of financial aid, and Mount Holyoke College is one of the rare schools that is always able to meet 100 percent of your financial need (if you can just get accepted). In addition to all the need-based aid, Mount Holyoke offers a decent number of merit-based scholarships. The 21st Century Scholars program includes a scholarship of \$25,000 per year for four years, funding for a summer internship program, and participation in a first-year tutorial. The Mount Holyoke Leadership Award is also on offer, and consists of merit-based scholarships ranging between \$10,000 and \$20,000 per year. One other perk is the Laurel Fellowship, an award designed to ensure that students on need-based financial aid can study abroad.



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STUDENT BODY

At Mount Holyoke, “The students are happy, intelligent women dedicated to making a real difference in the world.” Typical students are “poised, eloquent, passionate, and doing interesting things both inside and outside the classroom” and “down-to-earth and laid-back but also willing to have complex conversations over breakfast.” It’s clear most are “very into being left-wing and excited about political awareness,” and a sophomore says, “Mt. Holyoke is full of geeky feminists,” who are “at least socially engaged if not activists.” There is “a very strong gay community and much of the party scene is queer-based social networks,” and students say, “Sexual orientation is often flexible.”

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WHY STUDENTS LOVE MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

Though Mount Holyoke College has many strengths, including a beautiful campus and top-notch academics, the one the students appreciate the most is the close-knit community and the “strong sense of sisterhood” that women develop at here. The social atmosphere is “warm and accepting”, and the students are “diverse, strong, passionate, friendly and fun”. This strong support system is important to Mount Holyoke students, who come here to receive a first-class education in a highly academic environment, which is “both challenging and supportive at the same time.” Support comes from many places other than your peers at Mount Holyoke. Professors here are “beyond accessible,” an administration that “listens to the students and does its best to provide for us,” and an “incredible” Alumnae Association.

GENERAL INFO

Activities: Choral groups, dance, drama/theater, jazz band, literary magazine, music ensembles, musical theater, radio station, student government, student newspaper, student-run film society, symphony orchestra, yearbook, campus ministries, international student organization. **Organizations:** 150 registered organizations, 4 honor societies, 12 religious organizations. **Athletics (Intercollegiate):** *Women:* Basketball, crew/ rowing, cross-country, diving, equestrian sports, field hockey, golf, horseback riding, lacrosse, soccer, squash, swimming, tennis, track/field (outdoor), track/ field (indoor), volleyball.

BOTTOM LINE

Tuition is more than \$40,000. This school does a tremendous job of making itself affordable for everyone, though, regardless of income. If you can get admitted here, you’ll almost certainly find a way to pay for it while borrowing very little money.

SELECTIVITY

Admissions Rating	95
# of applicants	3,359
% of applicants accepted	52
% of acceptees attending	31
# accepting a place on wait list	515
% admitted from wait list	15

FRESHMAN PROFILE

Range SAT Critical Reading	610–700
Range SAT Math	580–690
Range SAT Writing	620–710
Range ACT Composite	27–31
Average HS GPA	3.70
% graduated top 10% of class	58
% graduated top 25% of class	82
% graduated top 50% of class	98

DEADLINES

Regular Deadline	1/15
Normal registration	yes

FACILITIES

Housing: Special housing for disabled students, women’s dorms, apartments for single students, special housing arrangements are available upon request. *Special Academic Facilities/ Equipment:* Art and historical museums, bronze-casting foundry, child study center, audio-visual center. *Computers:* 20% of classrooms, 100% of dorms, 100% of libraries, 100% of dining areas, 100% of student union, 4% of common outdoor areas have wireless network access.

FINANCIAL FACTS

Financial Aid Rating	96
Annual tuition	\$41,270
Room and Board	\$12,140
Required Fees	\$186
Books and supplies	\$950
% frosh rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid	70
% UG rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid	68
% frosh rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid	12
% UG rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid	9
% frosh rec. need-based self-help aid	62
% UG rec. need-based self-help aid	67
% frosh rec. any financial aid	82
% UG rec. any financial aid	79
% UG borrow to pay for school	66
Average cumulative indebtedness	\$22,499