

Learning Goals of the Mount Holyoke Curriculum

By combining the proven strengths of a liberal arts education with the transformative power of experiential learning, the Mount Holyoke College liberal arts experience provides the best foundation for citizenship and career in a global world. Audacity, creativity, determination, excellence, leadership, and commitment to the common good are the hallmarks of a Mount Holyoke education. As the oldest continuing women's college in the world and one of the most diverse liberal arts colleges in the nation, Mount Holyoke produces analytical, confident, creative, and independent thinkers who make a difference in the world. Mount Holyoke offers its students a compelling invitation to embrace complexity, cultivate curiosity, and nourish habits of lifelong learning. Our students learn the diverse practices of social, ethical, personal, and environmental stewardship and responsibility.

The Mount Holyoke curriculum is designed to encourage students to:

1. Think analytically and critically by questioning assumptions, evaluating evidence, and articulating well-reasoned arguments.
2. Acquire depth, methodological expertise, and historical understanding in a discipline.
3. Develop intellectual breadth through study across disciplines and different modes of inquiry.
4. Develop the ability to write and speak confidently and effectively.
5. Engage in artistic forms of expression.
6. Acquire quantitative and technological capabilities.
7. Develop skills in more than one language and engage with cultural communities other than their own.
8. Conduct independent or collaborative research incorporating diverse perspectives and skill sets.
9. Apply the liberal arts through experiential learning in work and community environments.
10. Learn practices of self-assessment and reflection for academic, personal, and career growth.