

The UMass Dartmouth Honors College will immerse you in a vibrant and innovative learning environment that engages and challenges academically talented students across all majors. Admission to the Honors College is by invitation based on your UMass Dartmouth application. Upon completion of the program, you will graduate as a Commonwealth Scholar, a statewide recognition that will be designated on your transcript and diploma.

59

Honors College course sections

20

Maximum number of students in an honors class

24%

enrollment increase from Fall 2020-Fall 2023

1:1

Student to faculty research ratio



STUDENT AWARDS

- Founders Scholarship
- Harry S. Truman Scholarship
- Marshall Scholarship
- Michael S. Dukakis Internship in Public Service
- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Complete 24 honors credits within your degree requirements (21 credits of coursework and at least 3 credits of an honors project)
- Maintain an overall GPA of 3.2
- Earn a B or better in honors courses
- Complete the Academic Project or Experience (APEX)

RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP

All Honors College students complete The APEX (Academic Project or Experience) that culminates your honors education and gives you an advantage with employers and graduate schools. Students often publish their work with faculty in peer-reviewed journals and/or present at professional conferences.

You may choose one of three tracks:

- **Traditional research:** Scientific experiments, critical literature evaluation, etc.
- **Performance/Expression:** Creative endeavors or marketing plans or business plans
- **Applied Service:** Internships, volunteer work, or work done in a "real-world" setting



480

Total number of Honors College students

ENROLLMENT BY COLLEGE

- 180** College of Arts & Sciences
- 121** College of Engineering
- 76** College of Nursing & Health Sciences
- 62** College of Visual & Performing Arts
- 41** Charlton College of Business

ABOUT OUR INCOMING CLASS OF 2027



175

Number of honors students enrolled in the Class of 2026

4.2

Average high school GPA

25%

are first-generation college students



Graduates of the Honors College are working as a:

- Content marketing and publishing specialist
- Data scientist
- Financial analyst
- Game developer
- Molecular laboratory technician
- Registered nurse
- Software engineer

Honors College graduates began careers at:

- Boston Bruins
- Gulf of Maine Research Institute
- Laboratory of Dr. Craig Mello, Nobel Prize winner
- Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston
- PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)
- Thermo Fischer Scientific
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- U.S. Department of Defense

Our alumni have enrolled in graduate programs at:

- Bentley University (MBA program)
- Cornell University
- Duke University
- Harvard University
- Northeastern University
- UMass Law

SPECIAL SPACES

- **Honors Scholar Living & Learning Community** for first-year and select sophomore students, which provides a support system and built-in study groups.
- **Honors Annex, located in the Honors Complex in the Claire T. Carney Library**, with private workspaces and computers near honors faculty offices

ENGAGED LEARNING

- Funded research and conference travel
- Personalized internship placement
- Travel opportunities to Alabama to study the civil rights movement and to Washington, DC to study our national government
- Free admission to museums and theater performances
- Innovative Honors-only courses taught by top faculty

FROM OUR ALUMNI



Working with like-minded students and being mentored by dedicated faculty are some of the best aspects of being in the Honors College. Having a faculty mentor has allowed me to learn and develop new research and professional skills.

-Christopher McGuire '22, Psychology major
Interned with The Samaritans and graduated with a pre-professional certificate in mental health. He is attending Antioch University of New England for a doctorate in clinical psychology.



I enjoyed the small class sizes, which enable more one-on-one time with the professors, more dynamic discussions, and the opportunity to interact with different majors.

-Chelsey Silva '22, Nursing major
A six-year member of the MA Air National Guard