

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.

## 50+

Honors College  
course sections

## 20

Maximum number  
of students in an  
honors class

## 1:1

Student to faculty  
research ratio



## 502

Total number of Honors  
College students



### 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

### ENROLLMENT BY COLLEGE

## 162

College of Arts  
& Sciences

## 127

College of  
Engineering

## 89

College of Nursing  
& Health Sciences

## 68

Charlton College  
of Business

## 56

College of Visual  
& Performing Arts

*"Honors courses don't require more work. They focus on a different kind of work, putting more emphasis on creating, evaluating, and exploring."*

-Amy Shapiro  
Dean, Honors College



#### 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:

- Cornell University
- Duke University
- Harvard University
- Northeastern University
- UMass Law
- University of Chicago

## 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 Study Space, located 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, psychology



*Being a part of the Honors College has challenged me academically and allowed me to become more well-rounded. Working with others from outside my major has helped me expand my knowledge across disciplines and it is also motivating to work with other like-minded students.*

-Anna Balkus, biology