First-Year Students in the Class of 2013

September 17, 2009 A Snapshot

Student Background Profile

51% are men; 49% are women

54% are receiving scholarship and grant aid

40% indicated they are students of color

(189 students)

12% African-American (55 students)

10% Asian-American (47 students)

10% Latino/a (45 students)

9% Multiracial (42 students)

28% are from low-income families

10% are non-U.S. citizens

Students hail from 39 states, plus D.C., PR, GU and 23 foreign countries

Student Academic Profile

85% finished in the top 10 % of their class (of those with reported rank)

18% are valedictorians

(of those with reported rank)

30% were admitted through Early Decision

Mean SAT scores: critical reading 707, math 709,

writing 709

Mean ACT score: 32

Secondary schools represented in the class: 371

	Men	Women	Total
Applied	3,368 (44%)	4,311 (56%)	7,679
Accepted	584 (48%)	643 (52%)	1,227
Enrolled	237 (51%)	230 (49%)	467

For the Class of 2013, 444 students applied under the Early Decision option; 138 students enrolled.

Statistics for the Past Decade

Year	Number of Applicants	Number of Students Accepted	Number of Students Enrolled
1999	5,194	997 (19%)	428 (43%)
2000	5,352	1,041 (19%)	434 (42%)
2001	5,175	973 (19%)	430 (44%)
2002	5,238	957 (18%)	412 (43%)
2003	5,631	1,001 (18%)	413 (41%)
2004	5,489	1,136 (21%)	428 (38%)
2005	6,281	1,176 (19%)	431 (37%)
2006	6,142	1,144 (19%)	433 (38%)
2007	6,680	1,175 (18%)	474 (40%)
2008	7,745	1,144 (15%)	438 (38%)
2009	7,679	1,227 (16%)	467 (38%)

Secondary School Representation

	Public	Private	Parochial	Home School
Applied	5,323 (69%)	1,859 (24%)	454 (6%)	43 (1%)
Accepted	782 (64%)	391 (32%)	52 (4%)	2 (%)
Enrolled	284 (61%)	165 (35%)	18 (4%)	o (%)
Number of scho	ools represented			
in the class	238	116	17	0

Distribution of College Board SAT Scores

CRITICAL READING	Applied	Accepted	Enrolled
750-800	1,637 (31%)	467 (49%)	125 (35%)
700-749	1,308 (25%)	209 (22%)	97 (27%)
650-699	1,007 (19%)	134 (14%)	58 (16%)
600-649	713 (13%)	91 (9%)	43 (12%)
550-599	330 (6%)	42 (4%)	24 (7%)
500-549	190 (4%)	14 (1%)	7 (2%)
450-499	64 (1%)	2 (%)	2 (1%)
200-449	33 (1%)	o (%)	o (%)
Mean	694	726	707
Mid 50%	640-760	680-800	660-760
MATH	Applied	Accepted	Enrolled
750-800	1,678 (32%)	444 (46%)	137 (38%)
700-749	1,177 (22%)	198 (21%)	66 (19%)
650-699	1,281 (24%)	172 (18%)	81 (23%)
600-649	636 (12%)	92 (10%)	43 (12%)
550-599	292 (6%)	41 (4%)	24 (7%)
500-549	148 (3%)	9 (1%)	4 (1%)
450-499	49 (1%)	3 (%)	1 (%)
200-449	21 (%)	o (%)	o (%)
Mean	698	722	709
Mid 50%	650-760	680-780	650-780
WRITING	Applied	Accepted	Enrolled
750-800	1,523 (29%)	430 (45%)	129 (36%)
700-749	1,386 (26%)	237 (25%)	93 (26%)
650-699	1,167 (22%)	159 (17%)	66 (19%)
600-649	668 (13%)	95 (10%)	45 (13%)
550-599	305 (6%)	25 (3%)	13 (4%)
500-549	157 (3%)	10 (1%)	8 (2%)
450-499	52 (1%)	1 (%)	2 (1%)
200-449	23 (%)	2 (%)	o (%)
Mean	696	724	709
Mid 50%	650-750	680-780	660-770

Distribution of ACT Scores

ACT Composite	Applied	Accepted	Enrolled
34-36	420 (21%)	138 (44%)	42 (35%)
30-33	982 (49%)	115 (37%)	50 (42%)
24-29	549 (27%)	58 (19%)	27 (23%)
21-23	44 (2%)	o (%)	o (%)
Below 21	20 (1%)	1 (%)	1 (%)
Mean	31	32	32
Mid 50%	29-33	30-35	30-34

Rank in Class

	Enrolled
Number of students in the top tenth of high school graduating class	229 (85%)
Number of students in the top fifth of high school graduating class	229 (94%)
Number of students in the top half of high school graduating class	270 (100%)
Total number of ranked students	271 (58%)

Geographical Distribution of Those Matriculating

Alaska	2	Iowa	3	North Carolina	4	New England	22%
Arizona	1	Kansas	1	Ohio	9	Mid-Atlantic	28%
California	53	Kentucky	1	Oklahoma	1	Midwest	11%
Colorado	3	Louisiana	1	Oregon	3	South-Southeast	9%
Connecticut	29	Maine	1	Pennsylvania	11	West-Southwest	19%
D.C.	2	Maryland	10	Puerto Rico	2,	U.S. Territories	1%
Delaware	1	Massachusetts	62	Rhode Island	2,	International	11%
Florida	12	Michigan	7	South Carolina	2,		
Georgia	7	Minnesota	7	Tennessee	2,		
Guam	1	Missouri	2	Texas	13		
Hawaii	4	Nevada	2	Utah	1		
Idaho	2	New Hampshire	5	Vermont	3		
Illinois	20	New Jersey	24	Virginia	13		
Indiana	1	New York	81	Washington	5		

Financial Aid

	2009 Class of 2013	2008 Class of 2012	2007 Class of 2011
Accepted students who applied for		, .	,
scholarship and grant aid	852 (69%)	795 (69%)	826 (70%)
Accepted students who demonstrated			
need for scholarship and grant aid	652	480	520
Of those, accepted students awarded			
scholarship and grant aid	652	480	520
Total amount offered	\$22,356,166	\$16,416,974	\$16,543,114
Average amount offered	\$34,289	\$34,202	\$31,814
Matriculating students who received			
scholarship and grant aid	252	223	239
Total amount	\$10,061,354	\$8,023,049	\$8,078,003
Average amount	\$39,926	\$35,978	\$33,799
Percentage of class receiving scholarship			
and grant aid	54.0%	50.9%	50.4%

Fall Transfer Students

	Men	Women	Total
Applied	191 (48%)	204 (52%)	395
Accepted	12 (55%)	10 (45%)	22
Enrolled	9 (53%)	8 (47%)	17

Six transfer students enrolled in the spring of 2009.

Senior Major Distribution for the Class of 2009

Single Majors		Astronomy and Chemistry	1	French and Sociology	1
American Studies	2	Biology and Black Studies	1	Geology and Physics	1
Anthropology	8	Biology and Classics	1	German and Law, Jurisprudence	
Art and the History of Art	7	Biology and Computer Science	1	and Social Thought	1
Asian Languages and Civilization		Biology and Environmental Studie	es 1	German and Music	1
Astronomy	1	Biology and Neuroscience	1	History and Mathematics	1
Biology	22	Biology and Psychology	2	History and Music	1
Black Studies	5	Biology and Spanish	1	History and Political Science	1
Chemistry	10	Biology and Theater and Dance	1	History and Sociology	1
Classics	2	Black Studies and Economics	2	History and Spanish	1
Computer Science	1	Black Studies and English	1	Interdisciplinary and Spanish	1
Economics	39	Black Studies and French	1	Law, Jurisprudence and Social	
English	20	Black Studies and Law,		Thought and Psychology	1
Environmental Studies	3	Jurisprudence Social Thought	1	Law, Jurisprudence and Social	
European Studies	2,	Black Studies and Neuroscience	1	Thought and Mathematics	1
French	2,	Black Studies and Sociology	1	Mathematics and Physics	1
Geology	4	Black Studies and Spanish	1	Mathematics and Religion	1
German	1	Chemistry and English	1	Music and Psychology	2
History	18	Chemistry and Music	1	Philosophy and Physics	1
Independent Scholar	1	Computer Science and		Philosophy and Political Science	1
Interdisciplinary	6	Mathematics	1	Political Science and Religion	1
Law, Jurisprudence and Social		Computer Science and Physics	1	Political Science and Sociology	2
Thought	11	Economics and English	2	Political Science and Spanish	2
Mathematics	4	Economics and History	5	Political Science and Theater	
Music	7	Economics and Mathematics	7	and Dance	1
Neuroscience	10	Economics and Music	1	Political Science and Women's	
Philosophy	7	Economics and Neuroscience	1	and Gender Studies	1
Physics	4	Economics and Philosophy	1	Psychology and Sociology	1
Political Science	22	Economics and Physics	1	Psychology and Spanish	3
Psychology	36	Economics and Political Science	11	Sociology and Spanish	3
Russian	1	Economics and Psychology	4	Total Double Majors 1	43
Sociology	8	Economics and Religion	1	Triple Majore	
Spanish	4	Economics and Sociology	3	Triple Majors	
Theater and Dance	3 275	Economics and Spanish Economics and Women's	2	English and French and Theater and Dance	4
Total Single Majors	275	and Gender Studies	2	Total Triple Majors	1 1
Double Majors		English and Environmental	2	Total Triple Majors	
American Studies and Spanish	2	Studies	1	Total Class of 2009 Graduat	20
Anthropology and Art and the	3	English and French			19
History of Art	1	English and Geology	2 1	7	13
Anthropology and Biology	1	English and History	2		
Anthropology and Economics	1	English and Law, Jurisprudence	4		
Anthropology and Women's	1	and Social Thought	1		
and Gender Studies	1	English and Mathematics	1		
Art and the History of Art	-	English and Music	1		
and Black Studies	1	English and Philosophy	3		
Art and the History of Art	-	English and Political Science	2		
and Chemistry	1	English and Psychology	1		
Art and the History of Art		English and Russian	3	Amherst College does not discriminate in its	
and English	3	English and Spanish	1	admission or employment policies and practi	ces
Art and the History of Art		English and Theater and Dance	1	on the basis of factors such as race, sex, sexue	al
and French	2	English and Women's and		orientation, age, color, religion, national orig	
Art and the History of Art		Gender Studies	1	disability or status as a veteran of the Vietnam	
and Philosophy	1	Environmental Studies and		era or as a disabled veteran. The college compl	
Art and the History of Art		Sociology	1	with federal and state legislation and regulation regarding non-discrimination. Inquiries shou	
and Spanish			2		
	1	French and History	_	be addressed to the Affirmative Action Officer.	
Art and the History of Art	1	French and Law, Jurisprudence	7	be addressed to the Affirmative Action Officer, Amherst College, PO Box 5000, Amherst, MA	
Art and the History of Art and Computer Science	1	•	2		
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1	French and Law, Jurisprudence and Social Thought French and Political Science		Amherst College, PO Box 5000, Amherst, MA	
and Computer Science	1	French and Law, Jurisprudence and Social Thought	2	Amherst College, PO Box 5000, Amherst, MA	

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