

Notification from the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education

The Massachusetts Department of Higher Education (Department) cannot confirm that Hampshire College has sufficient resources to sustain operations at current levels and substantially fulfill its obligations to enrolled and admitted students for both the current and the subsequent academic year. The Department is issuing this notice pursuant to the regulatory notification requirements set forth in the Department's Financial Assessment and Risk Monitoring (FARM) regulations, 610 CMR 13.04(2).

On April 13, 2026, the Hampshire College Board of Trustees notified the Department of Higher Education (Department) that the institution will permanently cease academic programming at the end of the current calendar year. Hampshire College will continue to offer its academic programs, a residential experience, and its current levels of student support as well as transitional services to all enrolled students through December 31, 2026. While the Department acknowledges that any institutional closure is challenging for members of a campus community, we appreciate the progress that President Chrisler and Hampshire's leadership, faculty and staff have made to date to identify multiple transfer options for students to continue their degrees with minimal disruption. The Department will continue to work closely with Hampshire's leadership to support an orderly closure process and to ensure that all available resources are leveraged to support students and staff.

Further information, including memoranda of understanding with other institutions and curriculum maps outlining transfer opportunities, is available on Hampshire College's website at <https://www.hampshire.edu/closure-information>.

Statement from Hampshire College

This is a profoundly painful moment for the Hampshire community. Despite exploring every available avenue, this was ultimately the most responsible decision. It ensures the institution's limited financial resources are available to facilitate a transition that allows our current students to complete their undergraduate education – either here or at a partner institution. It also is respectful of our faculty and staff, maintains the value of a Hampshire College degree, and honors the lasting legacy of Hampshire and its alumni. We will continue to partner with the Department of Higher Education throughout this transition. --Jennifer Chrisler, President, Hampshire College.