



Ten Unique Offerings

1. The Rhetoric Program – Hampden-Sydney men write well, thanks in no small part to our Rhetoric Program. Established over three decades ago, Rhetoric teaches our students the fine art of writing, which serves them well in any profession or career.

- [Rhetoric Program Website](#)
- [Inside Higher Ed Article on Rhetoric Program](#)

2. Student-Run Student Justice System – We trust our men to hold one another accountable for their actions. Therefore, the student justice system at Hampden-Sydney is entirely student-run.

- [Honor Code Website](#)
- [Honor Code article \(Chronicle of Higher Education\)](#)

3. Union-Philanthropic Literary Society (UPLS) – Founded in 1789, the UPLS is the College's oldest student club and the nation's second oldest collegiate debate society. Members meet Sunday evenings to debate issues of the day...in coat and tie, of course.

- [UPLS Website](#)

4. Tailgating at HOME Football Games – Hampden-Sydney football fans know how to tailgate. From the bespoke alumni who frequent the Founders Lot in front of Cushing Hall to the fraternity members who tailgate near Lake Mayes, a common theme of good food, good friends, and good times permeates the game-day atmosphere at Hampden-Sydney. By the way, the Tiger football team boasts the highest winning percentage of any Virginia college football program over the past five years, as well as the highest average home attendance of any school in NCAA Division III.

- [Brooks Brothers Blog on H-SC tailgating](#)
- [H-SC Football Against the Commonwealth](#)

5. Greek Week – The annual Greek Week tradition at Hampden-Sydney attracts college students from across the country. Activities center on the Greek Week concert, which in years past has featured acts like the Dave Matthews Band, Widespread Panic, and John Mayer.

6. Project-Based Labs in the Sciences – Our science curriculum centers on realistic, project-based, instrument-centered laboratory experience and prepares our graduates to be outstanding in post-graduate programs and careers. In fact, our percentage of successful Ph.D. candidates in Chemistry for the past 40 years is an astronomical 90%, well above the national average of about 60%!

7. Leadership & Ethics Class – Through the Wilson Center for Leadership in the Public Interest, General Jerry Boykin, a founding member of the US Army's Delta Force, teaches a class on leadership, morality, and ethics. A highlight of the program is the end-of-semester cookout held at the family farm of [General Sam Wilson](#) (of CIA and DIA fame), which includes equally interesting friends of the two generals. The burgers, beers, and cigars are an added treat!

- [Wilson Center website](#)

8. The Center for Entrepreneurship and Political Economy (CEPE) – The CEPE Student Fellowship program provides funding and mentoring for independent student research topics and a platform for these students to publish their work. In addition, the CEPE-sponsored “Tiger Den” entrepreneurship competition provides financial support and alumni mentorship.

- [CEPE Website](#)

9. Good Men Plan @ H-SC – The Good Men Plan is the College's model of a high-quality liberal arts curriculum, complemented by co-curricular programs, events, and experiences to provide students with a comprehensive educational experience. Programs and events for the Good Men Plan take place throughout each academic year and on dedicated days, known as “C-Days.”

- [Good Men Plan Website](#)

10. Speaking Tradition – At Hampden-Sydney, every student is expected to greet and speak to individuals as they pass on the sidewalk, in the hallway, or anywhere on campus. By doing so, we demonstrate respect to *all* members of our community and our guests.