

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST

Office of Undergraduate Admissions

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS APPLICATION 2010 | 2011

The Application

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Application Guidelines

This form can be used for FRESHMAN or TRANSFER application to the university's undergraduate four-year bachelor's degree programs or to the two-year associate's degree programs in the Stockbridge School. If you have any questions after reading the instructions, contact your high school guidance counselor, transfer officer, or the Undergraduate Admissions Office.

Do not use this application if you fall into one of the following categories:

RE-ENTERING STUDENT

If you were previously enrolled at the university, contact the Registrar's Office for a readmission application: (413) 545-0555. Students requesting readmission to Stockbridge must contact the Stockbridge School for a readmission application: (413) 545-2222.

POST-GRADUATE SECOND BACHELOR'S DEGREE STUDENT

If you plan to earn a post-graduate second bachelor's degree in a program different from your first bachelor's degree, contact the Undergraduate Admissions Office for information and a Post-Graduate Second Bachelor's Degree application: (413) 545-0222.

UNIVERSITY WITHOUT WALLS

Contact the University Without Walls Office for more information and an application: (413) 545-0844.

GRADUATE STUDENT

If you are interested in obtaining an advanced degree, contact the Graduate School Admissions Office for information and an application: (413) 545-0721.

MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITY COLLEGE JOINT ADMISSIONS OR MASS TRANSFER

Contact your transfer officer to obtain the appropriate application form.

Deadlines

FRESHMAN

Fall Semester	
Early Action	November 1
Regular Decision	January 15
Spring Semester	October 1

TRANSFER

Fall Semester	April 15
Spring Semester	October 1

STOCKBRIDGE

Fall Semester	March 15
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FINANCIAL AID

To receive priority financial aid packaging, the FAFSA must be submitted by February 15 to meet the March 1 priority deadline. To avoid delays in financial aid processing, the name on the student's Social Security card must match the name on the student's application form and the name on the student's FAFSA.

Application Fees

Massachusetts Residents	\$40
Out-of-State Residents	\$50
International	\$60

When submitting the application fee, indicate name and date of birth on your check or money order, made payable to the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Do not send cash. The application fee is nonrefundable.

Required Application Materials

Freshman and Stockbridge

If you use this paper application, submit the application and fee to your guidance counselor, who will enclose your official transcript, SAT/ACT scores, and letters of reference. Applications must include the first set of senior grades.

Applicants should take SAT/ACTs on or before the January test date of their senior year. Do not wait for your senior year SAT/ACT results before applying. Official SAT/ACT scores must be sent to the university from the Educational Testing Service if they are not part of the transcript. The UMass Amherst College Board (CEEB) code is 3917 and the ACT code is 1924. **Personal copies of test scores are not official copies.**

Transfer

Transfer applicants must submit *official* transcripts from all colleges attended (whether or not transfer credit is desired). **Photocopies and student copies are not acceptable.** Students in their first year of college or applying with fewer than 27 completed college credits must additionally submit high school transcripts (or GED scores) and SAT/ACT scores. Other applicants may also be asked to submit these items as part of their admission review.

Joint Admissions/Mass Transfer

Massachusetts community college applicants in these programs are advised to contact the transfer officer at their school, who will facilitate the application process.

Nontraditional Students

A General Equivalency Diploma (GED) satisfies the high school diploma requirement. SAT/ACTs, all official high school transcripts, and GED test scores must be submitted. The SAT/ACT score may be waived for applicants whose high school class graduated more than five years prior to their application.

International Students

(Applicants who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents)

International students not currently studying in the US may apply for the fall semester only. International students currently studying in the US may apply for either the fall or spring semester.

International students must submit the following credentials:

1. Official transcripts showing all secondary

(high school) and post-secondary (if applicable) coursework, with official translations

2. Proof of English language proficiency (see English Proficiency Test Requirements, below)
3. SAT/ACT test scores (applies to freshman, Stockbridge, and first-year transfer applicants only)
4. sponsor statement of financial support
5. bank statement

More information and forms are available at www.umass.edu/admissions/applying/international/.

English Proficiency Test Requirements

All applicants who are not native speakers of English are required to demonstrate their English language proficiency in one of the following ways:

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or IELTS

Official copies of scores must be submitted. For the TOEFL, a minimum score of 80 or better on the internet-based TOEFL (iBT), 213 or better on the computer-based TOEFL, or 550 or better on the written TOEFL is required, although achieving this score does not guarantee admission. An IELTS score of 6.5 or higher is also acceptable.

Prueba de Aptitud Académica (PAA)

Freshman, Stockbridge, and transfer applicants applying directly from Puerto Rico may take the TOEFL or the PAA and must submit official score reports.

TOEFL/IELTS Exemption

Applicants with strong SAT/ACT scores may receive a TOEFL/IELTS waiver. Transfer applicants currently studying in the U.S. who have completed two (non-ESL) English composition courses with grades of B or better may be exempt from the TOEFL/IELTS requirement; this exemption is not automatic but is based upon a review of the applicant's complete academic history, which must also include above-average performance in several humanities and social science courses.

Important

Some applicants may be required to take a university-administered English language proficiency examination to determine their eligibility for placement in the university's English as a Second Language (ESL) course sequence. International students on visas are not eligible for ESL courses.

The Admission Decision:

Admission to UMass Amherst is determined in accordance with the minimum standards established by the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education (DHE). However, meeting the DHE's minimum standards does not guarantee admission, since the university considers a wide range of factors when making admission decisions. All offers of admission are contingent upon completion of current coursework at a level consistent with admissions standards.

Freshman Admission

Admission is highly selective and is contingent upon successful completion of high school graduation requirements at a level consistent with the university's admissions standards. The primary criteria for admission are the high school transcript and SAT/ACT scores. Other criteria, including the level of academic challenge, extracurricular activities, work, etc., are also considered.

HIGH SCHOOL UNIT REQUIREMENTS

	Units
English	4
Mathematics	3
Natural science (2 labs)	3
Social science	2
Foreign language	2
Electives	2

Early Action (Fall): The Early Action (EA) option is designed for freshman applicants with strong academic records who wish to receive an early notification for the following fall semester. Students must submit the application by November 1 and specifically request EA. SAT/ACT test scores and high school transcript (through the junior year) must be received by November 20. Admission decisions will be communicated by the end of December. There are three possible decisions for EA applicants:

- Students may be offered admission for the upcoming fall term, contingent on successful completion of the senior year. They will have until May 1 to decide whether to enroll at UMass Amherst.
- A select group of students will be deferred to the Regular Decision applicant pool. We will reexamine these students in the context of the entire pool, taking into account mid-year grades and other new academic information.
- We may make the difficult decision to deny some students whose academic records are not competitive within the overall applicant pool. A deny decision at the EA stage is final.

Regular Decision (Fall): Students who apply under the Regular Decision (RD) option must submit an application by January 15. Official SAT/ACT test scores and an official high school transcript (including the first set of senior grades) must be sent as soon as possible after the application deadline. Admission decisions will be communicated beginning in early March. There are three possible decisions for RD applicants:

- Students may be offered admission for the upcoming fall term, contingent on successful completion of the senior year. They will have until May 1 to decide whether to enroll at UMass Amherst.
- A select group of students who present strong academic credentials will be offered the option of being placed on our waitlist. Specific details regarding waitlist options will be included in the waitlist offer letter.
- Students whose academic records are not competitive within the overall applicant pool will be denied admission. A deny decision is final.

Regular Decision (Spring): Students who apply for spring admission must submit an application by October 1. Official SAT/ACT test scores and an official high school transcript (including the first set of senior grades) must be sent as soon as possible after the application deadline. Admission decisions (admit or deny only) will be communicated by December 15.

Stockbridge Admission (Associate's Degree)

Admission to the Stockbridge School is based on high school coursework, grades, class rank, and SAT/ACT scores. Additional emphasis is given to classroom and practical experience in the student's field of interest.

Transfer Admission

The primary criterion for transfer admission is the quality of the applicant's academic record. Other factors include the number of transfer credits, entering class, programmatic limitations, and prerequisite coursework. Applicants should have completed a broad range of academic coursework, including writing, math, and science, and have achieved above-average grades. All transfer applicants must have completed a college-level non-ESL composition course prior to enrollment.

Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended (whether or not credit is desired) must be sent as soon as possible after the application deadline. Applicants with fewer than 27 completed credits and those from colleges with non-standard grading systems must also submit official high school transcripts and SAT/ACT scores.

Priority consideration is given to Massachusetts community college graduates who participate in the Joint Admission or MassTransfer program.

Accepted transfer students will receive a preliminary credit evaluation with their offer of admission. The maximum transfer credit is 75 semester hours.

Fall Admission: Students who apply for fall admission must submit an application by April 15. Decisions will be communicated beginning in March. Students offered admission for the upcoming fall term will have until June 1 to decide whether to enroll at UMass Amherst.

Spring Admission: Students who apply for spring admission must submit an application by October 1. Decisions will be communicated beginning in mid-November.

Application Form Instructions

Please refer to these instructions as you complete the application form.

I. Personal Information

Use your full legal name. The name that appears on your Social Security card must be identical to the name on your admissions application. Please list your U.S. Social Security number correctly. If you are a veteran, submit a copy of your DD214 or DD2586. If you have an Alien Registration Card, submit a copy of both sides.

Ethnic Information

In order to assist the university in complying with state and federal laws against discrimination, you are asked to submit information about ethnicity. (Completing this section is optional.)

II. Admissions Information

Selecting a Major

The majors offered at the university are listed by school and college. Information regarding majors is available on page 5 and on the web at www.umass.edu/ug_programguide.

You have the option of selecting a first- and second-choice major. Should space limitations or your academic background preclude admission to both choices, you will automatically be considered as an undeclared major with academic advising provided through Undergraduate Advising.

Transfers entering at the junior level must select a major when applying.

Admissions Categories

FRESHMAN

A graduating high school student (regardless of number of college credits taken while in high school) or a high school graduate or GED recipient who has attempted fewer than 12 college credits after graduation.

TRANSFER

A high school graduate or GED recipient who has attempted 12 or more college credits after high school graduation.

INTERCHANGE TRANSFER

An enrolled degree-seeking student at the University's Boston, Dartmouth, or Lowell campus who wishes to transfer as a degree-seeking student to the Amherst campus. To be eligible, the applicant must be in good academic standing, have completed 12-15 credits full-time, with a 2.5 cumulative grade point average, and be currently enrolled in 12-15 credit hours. The applicant must also be in good academic, fiscal & disciplinary standing at all previous institutions. If the applicant meets these eligibility requirements, no application fee is required. Note: Applicants from the Boston, Dartmouth, and Lowell campuses who are special non-degree students must apply as transfer students and, therefore, must submit all fees and other application materials.

STOCKBRIDGE

An applicant to one of the two-year associate's degree programs in the Stockbridge School.

Enrollment

Part-time Student – Enrollment in fewer than 12 credits per semester. International students on visas are not eligible for part-time status. Students seeking part-time enrollment in the Stockbridge School must contact the Stockbridge School.

Full-time Student – Enrollment in 12 or more credits per semester.

Secondary School Information

List all high schools attended, including post-graduate. If you earned a GED, list the date you received it and the high school(s) attended, including dates of attendance.

Current Coursework

List the courses in which you are currently enrolled. High school student applicants should list all academic courses they are or will be taking their final year.

Activities, Interests and Work Experience

Enclose a resume or list of extracurricular activities, awards, work, or community service and answer the questions as applicable.

College Information

All previous colleges must be listed, whether or not transfer credit is desired. Please be sure to list UMass (i.e., Boston, Dartmouth, Lowell, or Continuing and Professional Education) attendance. Official transcripts from all previous colleges must be submitted. *Photocopies and student copies of transcripts are not acceptable.*

III. Test Dates

List the month and year of test dates. See the "Required Application Materials" section for more information regarding tests required of applicants who are not native speakers of English. **Note:** You may claim an SAT exemption if you are a learning-disabled Massachusetts resident and if you submit appropriate documentation of your disability in lieu of SAT test scores, in accordance with Chapter 766 of the Massachusetts Acts of 1972.

IV. Financial Aid

Please check the appropriate box on the admissions application form.

V. Special Interest Programs

Tuition Break Program

Students who are legal residents of CT, ME, NH, RI or VT who choose an eligible major not offered in their state public colleges or universities will pay a tuition rate of only 75% more than the Massachusetts resident rate.

Success Centers

The Bilingual Collegiate Program (BCP), the Committee for the Collegiate Education of Black and other Minority Students (CCEBMS), the Native American Student Support Services (NASSS), and the United Asia Learning Resource Center (UALRC) provide a variety of services designed to ease their students' transition to university life and to help them achieve their degree objectives. These centers are part of the larger Center for Student Development which provides opportunities for academic and personal growth.

VI-VII.

Follow the instructions on the application form. Note that information in the Family Data section may be shared with the offices of Alumni Relations and Development.

VIII. Letters of Recommendation

Applicants should include letters of recommendation with the application or transcript and not send them under separate cover. Letters submitted with this application may come from guidance counselors, teachers, employers, clergy, or any other person(s) who might provide information which will assist in the review of this application.

IX. Information for Students with Disabilities

Any information provided is confidential and will not adversely affect the university's admission decision.

SECTION 504: PHYSICALLY DISABLED STUDENT ADMISSION

The policy of the University of Massachusetts Amherst regarding admission and access to programs prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability.

HOW TO ACCESS SERVICES IF YOU HAVE A DISABILITY

The university has three offices that serve people with disabilities:

Disability Services, 231 Whitmore Building, (413) 545-0892 V/TTY

The staff of Disability Services works with people who have documented disabilities which fall within the following categories: blind, visually impaired, deaf, hard of hearing, mobility, speech, medical disabilities, and history of head trauma.

Learning Disabilities Support Services, 231 Whitmore Building, (413) 545-0892 V/TTY

The staff of Learning Disabilities Support Services works with students who have documented learning disabilities, including ADD/ADHD. Please see www.umass.edu/ldss for more information.

Psychological Disability Services, 119 Berkshire House, (413) 577-2457.

The staff of Psychological Disability Services works with people who have documented psychological disabilities.

X-XI.

Follow the instructions on the application form.

Four-Year Bachelor's Degree Majors

(Numbers correspond to notes at end of list.)

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING¹

Chemical Engineering
Civil Engineering
Computer Systems Engineering
Electrical Engineering
Industrial Engineering
Mechanical Engineering

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES & FINE ARTS

Afro-American Studies
Art (Studio)²
Art (Design)²
Art History
Chinese Language & Literature
Classics
Classics & Philosophy
Comparative Literature
Dance³
English
French & Francophone Studies
German & Scandinavian Studies
History
Italian Studies
Japanese Language & Literature
Judaic Studies
Linguistics
Linguistics & Anthropology
Linguistics & Chinese
Linguistics & German
Linguistics & Japanese
Linguistics & Philosophy
Linguistics & Psychology
Linguistics & Russian
Middle Eastern Studies
Music³
Philosophy
Portuguese
Russian & East European Studies
Spanish
Theater
Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES

Animal Science
Astronomy
Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
Biology
Building Construction & Technology
Chemistry
Computer Science⁴
Earth Systems
Environmental Design
Environmental Sciences
Food Science
Forestry

Geography
Geology
Mathematics
Microbiology
Natural Resources Conservation
Physics
Plant, Soil & Insect Sciences
Pre-Dental Studies*
Pre-Medical Studies*
Pre-Veterinary*⁵
Psychology
Science (interdepartmental)
Wildlife & Fisheries Conservation

COLLEGE OF SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Anthropology
Communication⁶
Economics⁶
Journalism⁶
Landscape Architecture
Legal Studies
Political Science
Pre-Law*
Social Thought & Political Economy
Sociology

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION⁷

Teacher Certification Programs:
Early Childhood Education
Elementary Education
Middle/Secondary Education

ISENBERG SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

Accounting & Information Systems⁸
Finance & Operations Management⁸
Hospitality & Tourism Management⁹
Management⁸
Marketing⁸
Resource Economics
Sport Management¹⁰

SCHOOL OF NURSING¹¹

Nursing

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Communication Disorders
Kinesiology¹²
Nutrition
Public Health Sciences

BACHELOR'S DEGREE WITH INDIVIDUAL CONCENTRATION (BDIC)¹³

STOCKBRIDGE SCHOOL

(Two-Year Associate's Degree Majors)

Arboriculture & Community Forest Management
Equine Industries
Fruit & Vegetable Crops
Horticulture
Landscape Contracting
Turfgrass Management

Important Notes Regarding Majors

* *The Pre-Dental, Pre-Law, Pre-Med, and Pre-Veterinary advising programs provide information and academic counseling to students interested in applying to the relevant professional schools. Students interested in Pre-Vet will be assigned to the major in Animal Science.*

¹ ENGINEERING

Freshman applicants with strong preparation in math through pre-calculus and in science, including chemistry and physics, are given priority. Admitted freshmen are granted general admission to the College of Engineering; at the end of their freshman year they choose a specific engineering major.

Transfer applicants with above-average grades who have completed college coursework in calculus and physics are given priority and may be admitted directly to a specific Engineering major.

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² ART

Art students should file an admission application with the Admissions Office early to facilitate the portfolio review process.

Applicants planning to enroll in the B.F.A. degree program are required to submit a portfolio of 15-20 items representing work completed both in and out of classes, to include evidence of drawing ability. Representative work in other media should also be included to indicate the range of experiences. For more detailed information about portfolio presentation, see www.umass.edu/art. Portfolios should be sent directly to the Art Department. Transfer students must also include their college transcript(s). **Note:** B.F.A. students must submit an additional portfolio at the end of the sophomore year in order to pursue a concentration in animation, architecture, ceramics, design, digital media, painting, photography, printmaking, or sculpture.

³ MUSIC AND DANCE

Music and Dance students should file an application with the Admissions Office early to facilitate the audition process.

All students interested in admission to Music or Dance must contact the department directly to arrange for an audition. Students must have their admission application on file in the Admissions Office before scheduled auditions can occur. Audition information is available on the department's web site (www.umass.edu/music-dance). Music and dance auditions must be requested at least three weeks prior to the desired audition date.

⁴ COMPUTER SCIENCE

First-year applicants with a very strong advanced math background are given admissions priority.

Transfer applicants who have completed prerequisite coursework in calculus, Java or C/C++ programming, data structures, and assembly language are given admissions priority.

⁵ PRE-VETERINARY

Students are admitted to pre-veterinary after enrollment based on their performance in Animal Science coursework. Students seeking Pre-Veterinary are advised to declare the Animal Science major.

⁶ COMMUNICATION, ECONOMICS, JOURNALISM

Admission to these majors requires a strong academic record, including demonstrated math ability for the economics major. Transfer communication applicants must have completed pre-requisite coursework.

⁷ SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Requirements for Massachusetts teacher certification include an approved teacher education curriculum plus completion of an academic major within the College of Humanities/Fine Arts or the College of Natural Sciences. The Early Childhood and Elementary Education programs have selective admission based on academic performance and related experience. Secondary certification requires supplementary education coursework in addition to the academic major.

Junior transfer applicants are advised to contact the university's Teacher Certification Office (413-545-2701) to concurrently apply for entry to the early childhood or elementary certification sequence so as not to delay their graduation.

⁸ ISENBERG SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

Students interested in accounting and information systems, finance and operations management, marketing, and management are offered general admission to the Isenberg School of Management. At the end of their sophomore year they apply for admission to a specific major.

Freshman applicants must have strong SAT scores and strong academic preparation, including math through pre-calculus. Transfer applicants with a 3.0 or higher GPA may be admitted to the Isenberg School based on their performance in predictor coursework (business calculus, microeconomics, macroeconomics, two semesters of accounting).

⁹ HOSPITALITY & TOURISM MANAGEMENT

Transfer applicants must have above-average grades to be eligible for admission.

¹⁰ SPORT MANAGEMENT

Application is selective and is based on the strength of the overall record and on sport management-related activities. Transfer applicants must have completed math and business-related courses.

¹¹ SCHOOL OF NURSING

Admission is competitive and highly selective. Students are admitted directly into the nursing major. Because of the limited number of spaces in the nursing major, the review process is very selective. If freshman applicants are not admitted directly into the nursing major upon admission, they will not be able to change their major to nursing after matriculation. Transfer applicants currently are not considered for admission to nursing.

RN's and applicants with a non-nursing bachelor's degree who are seeking a bachelor's degree in nursing should contact the Undergraduate Admissions Office for information about specially designed nursing tracks.

¹² KINESIOLOGY

Transfer applicants must have above-average grades in science coursework to be eligible for admission.

¹³ BDIC

This is an upper-division major and is not available to entering students.

Tuition Classification

Rules and Regulations Governing the Residence Status of Students for Tuition Purposes

These rules and regulations, approved in 1988 by the university's Board of Trustees, and current as of publication, apply to the classification of students at the University of Massachusetts as Massachusetts or non-Massachusetts students for tuition and fee purposes.

The Massachusetts Board of Higher Education may revise this policy after the publication deadline of the Undergraduate Application. In that event the revised policy will supersede the following.

Part I. Definitions

1.1 "Academic period" shall mean a term or semester in an academic year or a summer session, as prescribed by the Board of Trustees or under their authority.

1.2 "Continuous attendance" shall mean enrollment at the university for the normal academic year in each calendar year, or the appropriate portion or portions of such academic year as prescribed by the Board of Trustees or under their authority.

1.3 "Emancipated person," for the purposes of residency classification for tuition, shall mean a person who has attained the age of 18 years and is financially independent of his or her parents, or if under 18 years of age, (a) whose parents have entirely surrendered the right to the care, custody, and earnings of such person and who no longer are under any legal obligation to support or maintain such person; or (b) a person who is legally married; or (c) a person who has no parent. If none of the aforesaid definitions apply, said person shall be deemed an "unemancipated person."

1.4 "Parent" shall mean

- a) the person's father and mother, jointly;
- b) if the person's father is deceased, the person's mother; if the person's mother is deceased, the person's father;
- c) if a legal guardian has been appointed by a court having jurisdiction, the legal guardian;
- d) if neither the father nor mother is living and no legal guardian has been appointed, the person who then stands in loco parentis to the person;
- e) if the father and mother are divorced, separated or unmarried, the parent who has been awarded legal custody of the person; or if legal custody has not been awarded, the parent with whom the person lives. With respect to any adopted student, the word "adoptive" should be inserted before the words "father" and "mother" wherever used.

1.5 "Reside," "residency" or "resident"

shall mean "domicile," i.e., a person's true, fixed and permanent home or place of habitation, where he or she intends to remain permanently.

Part II. Classification

2.1 For the purpose of assessing tuition and fees, each student shall be classified as a "Massachusetts resident" or a "non-Massachusetts resident." A person shall be classified as a Massachusetts resident if he or she (or the parent of an unemancipated student) shall have resided in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for purposes other than attending an educational institution for twelve months immediately preceding the student's entry or reentry as a student. Physical presence for this entire twelve-month period need not be required as long as the conduct of an individual, taken in total, manifests an intention to make Massachusetts his or her permanent dwelling place.

Part III. Determination of Residency

3.1 Proof of Residency

- a) Each case will be decided on the basis of all facts submitted with qualitative rather than quantitative emphasis. A number of factors are required for residency to determine the intention of the person to maintain permanent residence in Massachusetts. No single index is decisive. The burden of proof rests on the student seeking classification as a Massachusetts resident.
- b) The following shall be primary indicia of residency:
 - 1) The unemancipated persons, the residency of parents, having custody, within Massachusetts;
 - 2) Certified copies of federal and state income tax returns;
 - 3) Permanent employment in a position not normally filled by a student;
 - 4) Reliance on Massachusetts sources for financial support;
 - 5) Former residency in Massachusetts and maintenance of significant connections there while absent.
- c) The following shall be secondary indicia of residency, to be considered of less weight than the indicia listed above in subsection b):
 - 1) Continuous physical presence in Massachusetts during periods when not an enrolled student;
 - 2) Military home of record;
 - 3) All other material of whatever kind or source which may have a bearing on determining residency.

3.2 Proof of Emancipation.

A student asserting that he or she is an emancipated person shall furnish evidence to support such assertion. Such evidence may include:

- a) Birth certificate or any other legal document that shows place and date of birth;
- b) Legal guardianship papers - court appointment and termination must be submitted;
- c) Statements of the person, his or her parent(s), guardian(s), or others certifying no financial support;
- d) Certified copies of federal and state income tax returns filed by the person and his or her parent(s);
- e) Where none of the foregoing can be provided an affidavit of the emancipated person in explanation thereof and stating fully the grounds supporting the claim of emancipation.

3.3 Presumptions, etc.

- a) Residency is not acquired by mere physical presence in Massachusetts while the person is enrolled in an institution of higher education. (See Section 2.1)
- b) A person having his or her residency elsewhere than in Massachusetts shall not be eligible for classification as a Massachusetts resident for tuition purposes except as herein provided:
 - 1) Any person who is registered at the University as a Massachusetts resident shall be eligible for continued classification as a Massachusetts resident for tuition purposes (until attainment of the degree for which he or she is enrolled) during continuous attendance at the institution.
 - 2) The spouse of any person who is classified or is eligible for classification as a "Massachusetts resident" is likewise eligible for classification as a "Massachusetts resident." This provision will not apply in the case of a spouse in the United States on a non-immigrant visa.

- 3) A person who is an immigrant/ permanent resident of the United States (or has applied for such status) is eligible to be considered for Massachusetts residency for tuition purposes provided that he/she meets the same requirements for establishing residency in Massachusetts as are required of a United States citizen. Non-citizens who are in (or who have applied for) refugee/ asylum status are likewise eligible to be considered for Massachusetts residency for tuition purposes provided that he/she meets the same requirements for establishing residency in Massachusetts as are required of a United States citizen. All non-citizens must provide appropriate documentation to verify their status with the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service.
- 4) Those students whose higher educational pursuits are funded by the Department of Welfare, the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Department, or any of the other Commonwealth of Massachusetts public assistance programs.
- c) A person does not gain or lose in-state status solely by reason of his or her presence in any state or country while a member of the Armed Forces of the United States.
- d) For the purposes of this policy the following persons shall be presumed to be Massachusetts residents:
 - 1) A member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is stationed in Massachusetts on active duty pursuant to military orders, his or her spouse and dependent students.
 - 2) Full time faculty, professional staff, and classified staff employees of the University of Massachusetts system and their spouses and dependent students.

Part IV. Appeals

- 4.1** Any student or applicant who is unwilling to accept the initial ruling relative to his or her residency classification, or who wishes to seek reclassification may file a "Residency Reclassification Form."
- 4.2** Any student or applicant who is unwilling to accept the ruling relative to his or her residency reclassification may submit an appeal through the appeal process established by the campus at which that student or applicant seeks reclassification. The decision on appeal is final and may not be appealed further.
- 4.3** In any case where the Admissions Office is unable to make an initial determination based on the evidence submitted, the applicant may be required to submit a "Residency Reclassification Form" to the admissions office for their review before being finally classified as a resident or a nonresident.

Part V. Penalties

Misrepresentation in or omission from any evidence submitted with respect to any fact, which if correctly or completely stated would be grounds to deny classification as a Massachusetts resident shall be cause for exclusion or expulsion from or other disciplinary action by the university.

Student Expenses and Financial Aid

Subject to change

Estimated costs for 2009-2010

Massachusetts residents	
Tuition/Fees	\$11,732
Room/Board	\$8,276
Total	\$20,008

Non-residents*	
Tuition/Fees	\$23,299
Room/Board	\$8,276
Total	\$31,575

*Tuition Break Program costs total approximately \$21,294



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Financial Aid

Financial Aid Services is committed to assisting students and their families in meeting the cost of a college education. More than 50% of students who attend the University of Massachusetts Amherst receive some form of financial aid.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the only form required to apply for financial aid at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Students are encouraged to use the online version of the FAFSA application (www.fafsa.ed.gov). For detailed information, please read the online brochure at www.umass.edu/umfa.

For priority consideration, the FAFSA should be filed by February 15 to meet the university's March 1 financial aid priority deadline. Be sure to include the FAFSA school code for UMass Amherst (002221).

Please complete all applications for financial aid and admissions using your name and Social Security number as they appear on your official Social Security card. Using different versions of your name may delay processing of your financial aid.

Campus Visits

The best way to learn more about UMass Amherst is to visit our campus. A number of options are outlined below or visit our web site at www.umass.edu/admissions for additional information.

Year-Round Visit Options

Student-led walking tours provide an overview of academic programs and campus life. Tours last about 75 minutes and leave from the Visitors Center. Check out the Visitors Center website at www.umass.edu/visitorsctr for more information.

Admissions information sessions are held at 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. every day except Sundays, Christmas Week, the university Thanksgiving break, the university March Break, legal holidays, including Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend, and weekends during the months of June and July. Reservations are not needed.

Speak with a Student Admissions Representative about various aspects of college life. These interviewers are formally trained students and are an excellent source of information. Contact the Visitors Center at (413) 545-0306 to schedule an informal non-evaluative interview.

The Robsham Visitors Center has admissions brochures, campus maps and general information about the university. To verify hours, call the center at (413) 545-0306

Parking is available for campus tours. Please go to the Visitors Center for details.

Interpreters are available for the hearing impaired with advance notice; call (413) 545-0892.

In compliance with Federal Regulations and the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Crime Statistics Act, a copy of the University of Massachusetts Amherst Annual Security Report is available online at www.umass.edu/umpd/pdf/files/ASR.pdf. A hard copy of the report may be obtained by contacting the UMass Amherst Police Department at (413) 545-2125. This report includes crime statistics for the previous three years as well as institutional policies concerning campus security.

The University of Massachusetts Amherst prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, sex, sexual orientation, age, marital status, national origin, mental or physical disability, or veteran status, in any aspect of the admission or treatment of students or in employment.

The university provides information related to campus safety, equity in athletics, and additional federal public disclosure requirements at www.umass.edu/disclosure. This information is available upon request.



UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST

APPLICATION FOR UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

2010 | 2011

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

\$40 _____
In-State

\$50 _____
Out-of-State

\$60 _____
International

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME _____
Last/Family First Middle Previous Name/s (if applicable)

Note: To receive a financial aid package, the name on your Social Security card must be identical to the one on your admissions application and FAFSA.

ADDRESS _____
Street City State Zip + 4 Digits

PHONE () _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

RESIDENCY In-state Out-of-state (Please read the Tuition Classification section before checking box.)

MAILING ADDRESS (if different)

ADDRESS _____
Street City State Zip + 4 Digits

Last date at Mailing Address _____

U.S. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. _____ - _____ - _____ SEX M F

Required of all U. S. citizens and permanent residents applying for financial aid.

DATE OF BIRTH _____ / _____ / _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____
month day year

CITIZENSHIP: U.S. Immigrant/Permanent Resident/Refugee Other _____

Alien Registr. No. _____ Date Issued _____ (Enclose copies of both sides of Alien Registration Card)

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT: F Visa J Visa Visa not yet obtained Other _____

OPTIONAL: The items with a gray background are optional. No information you provide will be used in a discriminatory manner.

1. Are you Hispanic / Latino (including Spain)? Yes, Hispanic or Latino No

2. Regardless of your answer to the prior question, please select one or more of the following that best describe you:

American Indian or Alaska Native (including all Original Peoples of the Americas)
Are you enrolled? Yes No

Asian (including Indian subcontinent and Philippines)

Black or African American (including Africa and Caribbean)

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (Original Peoples)

White (including Middle Eastern)

3. Please check this box if you wish to be identified as being of Cape Verdean background.

VETERAN (Enclose DD214 or 2586): Yes No Still on Active Duty

II. ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

INTENDED MAJOR First choice _____ Second choice _____

ADMISSIONS TYPE

Early Action - Fall Semester, Freshman only

Regular Decision

ADMISSIONS CATEGORIES

Freshman (current high school student)

Transfer (12 or more college credits attempted after high school graduation)

Freshman (current high school student with college credits)

Interchange Transfer (from other UMass campuses)

Freshman (high school graduate with fewer than 12 college credits attempted)

Stockbridge School (associate's degrees only)

PLANNED ENTRANCE DATE

January 2010

September 2010

January 2011

ENROLLMENT WILL BE

Full-time

Part-time

III. TEST DATES

All freshman and first year transfer applicants must submit official SAT or ACT scores, unless you graduated from high school more than five years ago. *Personal copies of test scores are not official copies.*

SAT EXEMPTION: Learning-disabled Massachusetts residents submitting appropriate documentation of disability in lieu of test scores are eligible for SAT exemption. (See Section III of the application instructions.)

SAT/ACTs Mo. Yr. Mo. Yr. Mo. Yr. TOEFL Mo. Yr. IELTS Mo. Yr.

Prueba De Aptitud Academica (PAA) Mo. Yr. Is English the first language you spoke? Yes No

IV. FINANCIAL AID

Will you be applying for financial aid? Yes No

If yes, your name and Social Security number must be identical on your admissions application, FAFSA, and Social Security card. For priority consideration, *the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be filed between Jan. 1 and Feb. 15* to meet the university's March 1 financial aid priority deadline. (In no way will your answer affect your admission to the university. We ask for this information so that we may best serve you and your family.)

V. SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS

Are you interested in any of the following programs? (See Section V of the application instructions for related information.)

1. Tuition Break Program — a tuition discount program for New England residents
2. Please check only one of the following success programs if you are interested:

<input type="checkbox"/> Bilingual Collegiate Program (BCP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Native American Student Support Services (NASSS)
<input type="checkbox"/> Committee for the Collegiate Education of Black and other Minority Students (CCEBMS)	<input type="checkbox"/> United Asia Learning Resource Center (UALRC)

VI. PERSONAL STATEMENT (FRESHMAN AND TRANSFER APPLICANTS)

Career interests _____

In 500 words or less, describe any personal circumstances or academic experiences (positive or negative) that you feel are important for us to know about you. Please attach additional sheets as necessary.

VII. FAMILY INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian/Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Parent/Guardian/Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F
Name _____	_____
Address _____	_____
_____	_____
Relationship to Student _____	_____
School or College Attended _____	_____
Highest Degree Earned _____	_____
Employer/Occupation _____	_____
Daytime Telephone Number _____	_____
Evening Telephone Number _____	_____
Email Address _____	_____

Have any of your parents/grandparents received a bachelor's degree? Yes No
 Are any of your brothers and sisters currently enrolled or graduated from UMass Amherst? Yes No

VIII. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Letters of recommendation are required. Applicants should include them with the application or high school transcript and not send them under separate cover.

IX. INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

To ensure resource availability, see Section IX of the application instructions for information pertaining to students with disabilities.

X. TUITION RESIDENCY STATEMENT

Please read the Tuition Classification section before completing the Tuition Residency Statement below.

Concealment of facts or untruthful statements may cause you to be subject to denial of admission and/or dismissal from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

All applicants must complete and sign (under penalties of perjury) the appropriate section.

RESIDENCY: In-State Out-of-State

1. RESIDENTS OF MASSACHUSETTS COMPLETE THIS SECTION.

A. I have continuously resided in Massachusetts since _____ / _____ / _____
month day year

B. Applicant's Permanent Address _____ since _____
mo/day/year

C. Parent's/Legal Guardian's
Permanent Address _____ since _____
mo/day/year

2. NON-RESIDENTS OF MASSACHUSETTS COMPLETE THIS SECTION.

If you live out of state and are claiming Massachusetts residency, at least one natural parent or legal guardian (who provides financial support) must live in Massachusetts. Possession of a second home in Massachusetts does not constitute residency.

A. I do not qualify for Massachusetts residency.

B. I am not a resident of Massachusetts, but I have a natural parent or legal guardian who provides financial support and is a Massachusetts legal resident. Therefore, I qualify for in-state residency. (If you checked this space, be sure to check the in-state residency box in Section I.)

Massachusetts Parent's/Legal Guardian's

Name: _____

Address: _____ since _____
mo/day/year

Daytime Telephone Number: () _____

XI. SIGNATURE

The university reserves the right to withdraw without notice any application not completed and received by the deadline.

All materials submitted become the property of the university.

1. Have you ever been found responsible for a disciplinary violation at any educational institution you have attended from 9th grade (or the international equivalent) forward, whether related to academic misconduct or behavioral misconduct, which resulted in your probation, suspension, removal, dismissal, or expulsion from the institution? Yes No

2. Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor, felony, or other crime? Yes No

If you answered yes to either or both questions, please attach a separate piece of paper that gives the approximate date of each incident, explains the circumstances, and reflects on what you learned from the experience.

By my signature, I certify that the information I have provided about my academic and personal history and residency is accurate and complete. Failure to disclose any required information could result in the denial of admission or retroactive administrative withdrawal from the university without refund or course credits. I understand that it is my responsibility to submit a completed application by the stated deadline. Failure to do so may result in my application being withdrawn without review.

Print Name _____

Applicant's Social Security number _____ / _____ / _____

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

Parent's/Legal Guardian's Signature* _____ Date _____

*Signature is required for applicants under the age of 18 years.