About the University

The University of Massachusetts Amherst is the flagship campus of the University of Massachusetts system. The university is located in Western Massachusetts in one of the safest and most beautiful areas of the United States. The campus is within easy reach of many of the most vibrant and exciting metropolitan areas in the country. For example, UMass Amherst is 145 kilometers west of Boston, 282 kilometers northeast of New York City, and 710 kilometers from Washington, DC, the U.S. capital.

UMass Amherst is home to 28,000 students, including over 20,000 undergraduates. We are a residential campus, with 60 percent of our undergraduates living in campus housing and eating in the University’s award-winning dining halls. For those living off-campus, UMass Transit Services provides free bus and van service to eight local communities. Exercise is easy in Amherst. With all this to offer it’s not difficult to see why Amherst was named the top college town in North America in 2009!

A World-Class Opportunity

UMass Amherst is recognized by U.S. News & World Report as one of the nation’s best 30 public universities, and as the graphic to the right shows we rank high in many of our undergraduate programs. Attracting students from more than 100 countries, we educate and prepare responsible and globally-engaged citizens to succeed in a highly connected and competitive world.

Our institutional commitment to internationalization includes faculty members involved in international research and teaching around the globe. Eight of our faculty members are among “the world’s leading scientific minds,” whose publications are among the most influential in their fields, according to a 2014 survey by Thomson Reuters. All of this has led to us being ranked in the top 100 universities in the world by reputation by the Times Higher Education.
UMass Amherst is proud to consider qualified international students for academic-based financial awards of up to $12,000 USD per academic year. No separate application is required, students are automatically considered once admitted to the university. The financial awards were established to recognize the high level of academic achievement of students coming to our university from around the world. Available to undergraduate students only, these awards are based upon a student’s high school GPA and standardized test score, such as SAT or ACT.

Academics

Our students are bright, bold, and unconventional thinkers. Applications for undergraduate admission doubled during the past decade, and more than 41,000 students applied this year for 4,650 seats in the upcoming freshman class. Academic quality stands at an all-time high with combined SATs (Critical Reading/Mathematics) at 1230 and high school GPAs at 3.83. We recently celebrated our 150th anniversary, and our distinguished history is marked by the excellence and breadth of our diverse cultural and academic environment. Through our 11 schools and colleges we offer 96 major subject areas leading to bachelor's degrees, 73 leading to a master’s and 51 doctoral programs. You will also find one of the nation’s premier residential honors colleges (Commonwealth Honors College) that creates a close-knit community of undergraduate scholars.

Quick Facts

English Language Requirements:
- TOEFL 80 or higher with no subscore below 17
- IELTS 6.5 or higher with no subscore below 6.0
Or these scores may qualify you for TOEFL/IELTS waiver:
- SAT Writing Section 480 or higher (7 on essay)
- ACT Combined English/Writing 20 or higher (7 on essay)

AP, IB, CLEP, and A Level Examinations:
Students can receive credit through Advanced Placement Exams (AP), HL International Baccalaureate Exams (IB), College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), Dantes Subject Standardized Tests (DSST), and International AS & A Level exams. Strong scores may allow for a course credit.

Fall 2015 Freshman Profile:
- 41,000 Applications
- 1230 Average Combined SAT
- 3.83 Average High School GPA

Tuition:

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