First-Year & Transfer Students

SPRING 2017

Welcome to UMass Amherst!

When you enroll at UMass Amherst, you will join an intellectually rich and diverse community. You will have opportunities to challenge yourself both academically and personally. And by the time you graduate, you will have developed tools that will help you succeed in the next phase of life.

On behalf of the entire campus community, congratulations!

Please read the following information carefully.

INTENTION TO ENROLL

To accept our offer of admission:

1. Verify your personal information on your SPIRE-admitted student's page using your NetID and password, which were emailed to you from our information technology (IT) office shortly after you applied.

2. Pay the nonrefundable $500 enrollment fee in either of the following ways:

   **Electronic check or credit/debit card.** You may pay the enrollment fee by e-check or with a Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express card on the university's QuikPAY system. There is a link to the QuikPAY site on the “Admitted Students” section of our website (umass.edu/admissions). You will need to enter your eight-digit SPIRE NetID which is located in the personal information section on your SPIRE-admitted student's page. Please indicate your housing plans on the QuikPAY site. [NOTE: While there is no convenience fee for e-check payments, there is a 2.7% convenience fee for credit card payments.]

To ensure your space in the Spring 2017 class, your enrollment fee must be paid by **November 1** or **within two weeks** of receipt of your admission’s notification. If you need to know your financial aid award and have not received this information within this two-week time frame, contact an admissions counselor at 413-545-0222.

You will be able to confirm receipt of your enrollment fee on your SPIRE-admitted student's page using your NetID and password.
ADVISING AND COURSE REGISTRATION
Advising and registration occur at New Students Orientation (NSO) programs that are held in December and January. Once we have received and processed your enrollment fee and the registration site opens, you will be able to register online for your orientation session on the NSO website (umass.edu/newstudent). In order to sign up for orientation, you will need your NetID and password. You will receive an email confirmation of your orientation session date shortly after completing your online registration.

FINANCIAL AID/BILLING
If you intend to apply for financial aid and have not already done so, file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form immediately. FAFSA is the sole form used to determine eligibility for federal, state, and institutional funds. This form is available at fafsa.gov. UMass Amherst’s FAFSA school code is 002221. To avoid delays in award processing, please ensure that the name and Social Security number on your admission’s application and FAFSA form match the name and number on your Social Security card.

If you completed your FAFSA for another college, you must request that your FAFSA information be sent to UMass Amherst so that we can determine your financial aid award.

Note that UMass Amherst does not send paper bills. Instead, your bill will be posted electronically to the “finances” section of your SPIRE account in early December, with payment due in early January. You will receive an email in your UMass student email account letting you know when the bill is available to view on SPIRE. If someone else is helping to pay your bill, set that person up as an authorized payer in the QuikPAY system. More information on QuikPAY is available at umass.edu/bursar/billing_info.htm.

HOUSING
All students with fewer than 27 transferable credits are required to live on campus unless they commute from home. Transfer students who apply for housing on time will receive housing. Sophomores and juniors may choose to live either on campus or off campus. (Exception: Family housing is not guaranteed since spaces are limited and a separate application process is required.)

TRANSCRIPTS
First-year: Arrange for UMass Amherst to receive a final official high school transcript with graduation date notation, which is required of all entering first-year students. If you have completed AP exams or college coursework, request that an official score report or transcript be sent as well.

Transfer: Arrange for UMass Amherst to receive a final official transcript from the college you are currently attending or most recently attended so that we may add those credits to your student record. You will find it helpful to bring your fall course schedule or grade report to advising and course registration.

DISABILITY SERVICES
If you have a learning or other disability and would like more information on the services available to UMass Amherst students, contact the Office of Disability Services, 161 Whitmore Administration Building, 413-545-0892. You will be required to provide appropriate documentation regarding your disability.

MAINTAINING ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE
Note that your admission is contingent upon maintaining your current level of academic performance. It is your responsibility to notify the Admissions Office of any significant decline in academic performance or additional disciplinary/criminal history that occurs after your application. UMass Amherst reserves the right to rescind admission based on this information.
Access to the following majors is based upon UMass Amherst policy, the number of spaces available, prerequisite coursework, and/or academic performance. More detailed information will be available during NSO advising and course registration.

COMMUNICATION, ECONOMICS, JOURNALISM
Admission to these majors requires a strong academic record or prerequisite coursework. Economics majors need to demonstrate math ability and completion of prerequisite coursework, including pre-calculus, microeconomics, and macroeconomics.

COMPUTER SCIENCE
Most students become computer science majors after completing the prerequisite courses (data structures and calculus) with grades of “B+” or better.

EDUCATION
The requirements for Massachusetts teacher licensure include completion of an academic major appropriate to the student’s desired license and an approved teacher certification course sequence. Admission to licensure coursework occurs after enrollment and is selective based on academic performance and related experience.

ENGINEERING
Students may become engineering majors after successfully completing the prerequisite courses: calculus, physics, and/or chemistry.

ISENBERG SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT
Admission is very selective and is based on overall grade point average and on performance in the predictor courses: microeconomics, macroeconomics, financial accounting, managerial accounting, calculus, and statistics.

KINESIOLOGY
Transfer applicants must have above-average grades both overall and in science coursework in order to be accepted into the major.

NURSING
Admission for first-year students is very selective and occurs only in the fall. Transfer students are not eligible for admission to nursing.

SPORT MANAGEMENT
Admission is selective and is based on the overall academic record.

ACADEMIC-YEAR COSTS
For the full list of your actual cost of attendance, please visit the Office of the Bursar’s Tuition and Fees site at: umass.edu/bursar/document/undergraduate-tuition-rates.
FOR MORE INFORMATION

Academic Majors – Information
umass.edu/academics/undergraduate

Admissions Office
413-545-0222
umass.edu/admissions

Commonwealth Honors College
413-545-2483
honors.umass.edu

Financial Aid
413-545-0801
umass.edu/umfa

Residential Life Student Services
413-545-2100
umass.edu/living

New Students Orientation
413-545-2621
umass.edu/newstudent

Office of Parent Services
413-577-4444
umass.edu/parents

Visitors Center (Campus Tours)
413-545-0306
umass.edu/visitorsctr

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DECLINING OUR OFFER OF ADMISSION
If you decide to decline our offer of admission, please notify us by email at admreq@admissions.umass.edu. Include your name, NetID, date of birth, and your intention to decline our offer of admission.

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