Entering Freshmen
FALL 2016

Welcome to the University of Massachusetts Amherst!

On behalf of the entire campus community, congratulations!

As a member of this university, you join an intellectually rich and diverse community. Over the next few years you will continue to challenge yourself intellectually and personally. By the time you graduate, you will be well prepared for the next phase of your life.

Please read the following information carefully.

INTENTION TO ENROLL

To accept our offer of admission, please:

1. Verify your personal information on the Enrollment Form. If any updates or corrections are needed, follow the instructions on the form.

2. Pay the non-refundable $500 enrollment fee:

   Electronic check or credit/debit card. You may pay the enrollment fee by e-check or with a major credit card on the university’s QuikPAY system. There is a link to the QuikPAY site on the Admitted Students section of our website (www.umass.edu/admissions). You will need to enter your eight-digit SPIRE ID, which is listed on the Enrollment Form. Please indicate your housing plans on the QuikPAY site. [NOTE: While there is no fee for e-check payments, there is a fee for credit card payments.]

To ensure your space in the Fall 2016 class, the enrollment fee must be paid by May 1. You will be able to confirm receipt of your enrollment fee on your SPIRE Admitted Students page using your NetID and password which were emailed to you from Information Technology (IT) shortly after you applied.

NOTE: If you are admitted in mid-April or later, you are required to pay the enrollment fee within two weeks of receipt of your letter of admission. If you need to know your financial aid award and have not received this information by May 1, please contact an admissions counselor at 413-545-0222 to discuss your situation.
NSO ADVISING AND COURSE REGISTRATION

Advising and registration occur at New Students Orientation (NSO) programs that are held in June and July. Once we have received and processed your enrollment fee, you will be able to register online through the NSO website for your orientation session. 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. Please see the enclosed NSO flyer for more information.

Before classes start, you will return to campus to participate in Fall Orientation, which takes place over Labor Day. During Fall Orientation you’ll participate in New Students Convocation, become familiar with campus, get to know your classmates, and participate in specific programs offered by our schools and colleges.

FINANCIAL AID / BILLING

If you intend to apply for financial aid, please file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form as soon as possible after January 1 and before the priority filing deadline of March 1. FAFSA is the sole form used to determine eligibility for federal, state, and institutional funds. This form is available on the web at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.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 admissions application and FAFSA form match the name and number on your Social Security card. Also, monitor your To Do List in SPIRE self-service to determine if there is additional information needed to establish your eligibility for financial aid.

Please note that the university does not send paper bills. Instead, your bill will post electronically to the Finances section of your SPIRE account in early July, with payment due in early August. 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, please set that person up as an Authorized Payer in the QuikPAY system. More information on QuikPAY is available at [www.umass.edu/bursar/billing_info.htm](http://www.umass.edu/bursar/billing_info.htm).

HOUSING

Entering freshmen are required to live on campus their first year unless they commute from home. In May you will receive a housing information packet which includes information about the residence hall contract, the roommate selection process, and information regarding residential areas and Residential Academic Programs. You will have an opportunity to tour our residential areas and to finalize housing selection during summer New Students Orientation. Sign-ups for Residential Academic Programs ([www.umass.edu/rap](http://www.umass.edu/rap)) will begin in mid-May (go to [www.umass.edu/newstudent](http://www.umass.edu/newstudent) to register).

TRANSCRIPTS

Please arrange for us to receive a final official high school transcript with graduation date notation, which is required of all entering freshmen, by June 30, 2016. If you have completed AP exams or college coursework, please request that an official score report or transcript be sent as well.

DISABILITY SERVICES

If you have a learning or other disability and would like more information on the services available to UMass students, please 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

Please 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. The university reserves the right to rescind admission based on this information.
Access to the following majors is based upon university 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 stronger academic records or prerequisite coursework. This includes demonstrated math ability and completion of prerequisite coursework (calculus, microeconomics, and macroeconomics) for the economics major.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE**
Most students become computer science majors after completing the prerequisite courses (intro to problem solving with computers 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 (two introductory engineering courses, a year of calculus, and 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 courses).

**KINESIOLOGY**
Students must have above-average grades both overall and in science coursework in order to be admissible.

**NURSING**
Admission for freshmen is very selective and occurs only in the fall. Admission after enrollment is not an option.

**SPORT MANAGEMENT**
Admission is selective and is based on the overall academic record and on performance in the predictor courses (two sport management predictor courses and two of microeconomics, macroeconomics, calculus or statistics).

### ACADEMIC-YEAR COSTS 2015-2016

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*Including international students
Visit [www.umass.edu/umfa](http://www.umass.edu/umfa) for more information on tuition and fees.
FOR MORE INFORMATION

Academic Majors
www.umass.edu/academics/undergraduate

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

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

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

Residential Life Student Services
413-545-2100
www.housing.umass.edu

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

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

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

FALL 2016 CALENDAR

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DECLINING OUR OFFER OF ADMISSION
To decline our offer of admission please email us at mail@admissions.umass.edu. Include your name, NetID, date of birth, and your intention.

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