All of us at UMass Amherst look forward to welcoming you as a member of the Class of 2020. Use the information on this side of the brochure to explore the exciting academic, co-curricular, and first-year programs UMass Amherst offers. Flip it over to find out how to confirm your spot in the class and sign up for orientation.

Your First Year at UMass Amherst will be special because you will:

- Participate in smaller classes and seminars
- Connect with your college and academic advisors
- Live in tight-knit communities with other first-year students
- Engage in campus activities and make lifelong friends
- Begin networking with UMass Amherst faculty and staff
- Explore new surroundings on and off campus
- Be challenged by new ideas, creative concepts, cutting-edge research, and programs for first-year students

Summer & Fall New Students Orientation (NSO)
www.umass.edu/newstudent/welcome-freshmen-students

Residential First-Year Experience (RFYE)
www.housing.umass.edu/living/rfye

Residential Academic Programs (RAPs)
www.umass.edu/rap

First-Year Seminars
ualc.umass.edu/firstyearseminars

Advising
www.umass.edu/gateway/academics/advising

Exploratory Tracks Program
www.umass.edu/admissions/exploratory-tracks

Congratulations on Your Admission to UMass Amherst!

WELCOME

Class of 2020

Register for Your Orientation

Student Activities and Involvement (SAI)
www.umass.edu/studentlife/get-involved

Explore life outside the classroom; SAI is the central resource for co-curricular life, that’s life connected to, and beyond the classroom. Through SAI you can get involved in student organizations, learn leadership skills, and pursue your passion.

There are many ways to get involved on campus, including:

- Registered Student Organizations (RSOs)
- Fraternities and Sororities
- Leadership and Community Service
- Campus Recreation and Intramurals

Check out Campus Pulse, the gateway to hundreds of campus activities, offices, and registered student organizations:
www.umass.edu/campuspulse

Tradition

UMass Amherst was born in 1863, so it’s no surprise that we are a campus defined by tradition. As a member of this university, you are now a part of this rich history. To learn more about these traditions go to umassalumni.com.

Schools and Colleges

Our different schools and colleges collectively make up UMass Amherst.

Each academic major belongs to one of these schools or colleges. Get to know your school or college before orientation by visiting its website:

- College of Education
  www.education.umass.edu
- College of Engineering
  www.engineering.umass.edu
- Commonwealth Honors College
  www.honors.umass.edu
- College of Humanities and Fine Arts
  www.hfa.umass.edu
- College of Information & Computer Sciences
  www.cics.umass.edu
- Eugene M. Isenberg School of Management
  www.isenberg.umass.edu
- College of Natural Sciences
  www.cns.umass.edu
- College of Nursing
  www.umass.edu/nursing
- School of Public Health and Health Sciences
  www.sphhs.umass.edu
- College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
  www.sbs.umass.edu

Details regarding academic requirements and course curriculum for your school or college and major will be explained at summer New Students Orientation.
WHAT'S NEXT?

Step 1: Confirm Your Enrollment
Confirm your place in the Class of 2020 and pay your non-refundable $500 enrollment fee. See the Important Information brochure in your admit packet for more details.

Step 2: Sign up for New Students Orientation (NSO)
As a new student at UMass Amherst, you are required to attend a two-day Summer NSO session and participate in Fall NSO on Labor Day Weekend. Don't forget to mark your calendars!

CHOOSING YOUR SUMMER NSO SESSION
There are ten Summer NSO sessions to choose from and you need to pick your date online. Once the registration system is open, you will receive an email notification of your session date. Your non-refundable $500 enrollment fee is posted to your account. Information sessions are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Session dates fill up quickly.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
Orientation for international students has two components. The first part is completed with the New Students Orientation (NSO) office. If you are a new student at UMass Amherst, you will register for your NSO session, and get ready for your transition from your last school to UMass Amherst. International students can do their NSO on campus, in person (if you are on campus) or online. The second part is done with the International Programs Office (IPO). International students must complete an ISO at UMass Amherst at the end of the summer to complete the mandatory international student orientation. The ISO includes immigration requirements, document checks, information on how to study in the U.S., student health insurance, safety/health information sessions to help with your transition to the United States.

ORIENTATION FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES
Whether you are sending your first or your fifth student, parents and families also need some time to prepare for your child’s transition to the United States. At Summer NSO you will:

■ Meet orientation leaders who will help prepare you for your advising appointment
■ Discuss your academic options with an academic advisor, meet other students from your department, and hear from the dean of your school or college before registering for classes
■ Finalize your housing preference
■ Get comfortable on campus and find your classrooms before returning to your school or college before registering for classes

At Fall NSO you will:

■ Become familiar with SPIRE, the system all UMass Amherst students use to register for classes, receive grades, and view financial aid packages. Use your UMass NetID and password to log into SPIRE and view your financial aid package.
■ Get the rest of the checklist at www.umass.edu/newstudent/student-checklist.

Step 3: Get Ready for NSO
After you sign up for Summer NSO, you will receive an email confirmation with your session date. It’s time to get ready for orientation and the fall semester.

NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST
Even though NSO doesn’t start until the summer, there are important steps you can take now to get ready. Find your copy of the New Student Checklist at www.umass.edu/newstudent/student-checklist.

TESTING
One of the first boxes on the list is placement testing. Before you come to your Summer NSO session, you will need to take the online math, writing, and foreign language placement exams. More details are available on the web at www.umass.edu/newstudent/placement-and-exemption-exams.

Step 4: Summer NSO
When you come to UMass Amherst for Summer NSO, you will have a busy two days on campus taking care of business and meeting new people.

At Summer NSO you will:

■ Become an engaged and responsible member of the UMass Amherst community
■ Gain valuable knowledge about campus resources, leadership opportunities, and student activities
■ Catch up with friends you made over the summer

At Fall NSO you will:

■ Move in early, bond with your floormates, and meet your Resident Assistant (RA)
■ Catch up with friends you made over the summer
■ Participate in New Students Convocation and the Class of 2020 picture
■ Reconnect with your college dean and advisors
■ Become an engaged and responsible member of the UMass Amherst community
■ Get your UCard

Step 5: Fall NSO
First-year students move to campus before Labor Day for Fall NSO. You will participate in New Students Convocation and special events to get you ready for your first semester. You will make connections with faculty, staff, and other students who are here to help you get acclimated to the university. Plus, you will find your way around campus and town before classes start.

All new students attend Fall NSO together.

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Checklist
Send in your enrollment form and $500 fee by May 1, 2016.
Register for Summer NSO online at www.umass.edu/summer.
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Canvassing (residential Academic) Programs and sign-up forms are available on the web at www.umass.edu/newstudent/placement-and-exemption-exams.
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