



UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST
Undergraduate Admissions
37 Mather Drive
Amherst, MA 01003-9291

Deferral of Admission Policy

[for admitted freshman only]

To defer your admission to UMass Amherst for up to one year, please complete and return the **Deferral of Admission Request** form. If you have any questions, please call the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at 413-545-0222 or visit our Web site at www.umass.edu/admissions.

1. Deferred admission will be granted to admitted freshman students who have paid the required non-refundable \$400 enrollment fee (the enrollment fee is due by May 1st for the fall term and within two weeks of receipt of the acceptance letter for the spring term). **Admitted transfer students normally are not eligible for deferred admission and should therefore contact a transfer counselor.**
2. Deferred admission may be requested for either one or two semesters. The deferral of admission is valid only for the specified term and may not be extended beyond one year.
3. Students planning to complete a post-graduate year of high school or to enroll at another college or university in full-time status are not eligible for deferred admission. A deferred student who matriculates as a full-time student at another institution will lose deferred admission status at UMass Amherst.
4. During the period of approved deferment students may take up to two courses per semester so long as they remain in non-degree status. Courses taken at other institutions will be evaluated for transfer credit in accordance with established UMass Amherst policies. For more information, please contact a UMass Amherst transfer counselor at 413-545-0222.
5. A student whose request to defer admission is approved will receive information regarding housing and orientation for the new enrollment term in February (for fall term) or November (for spring term).

Deferral Application Deadlines

- **August 1:** Deadline for submission of your Deferral of Admission Request form and your final high school transcript if you were admitted for the fall semester.
- **January 1:** Deadline for submission of your Deferral of Admission Request form and your final high school transcript if you were admitted for the spring semester.

Financial Aid

- Students who defer to the following fall must reapply for financial aid. To apply for financial assistance, you must complete both the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the February 15 preceding fall enrollment.
- Students who defer from fall to spring semester normally will receive a proportionate share of their previously granted full-year award.
- The John & Abigail Adams tuition waiver offered to certain Massachusetts residents must be used in the semester immediately following graduation from high school and therefore cannot be deferred.

For further information, please contact the Office of Financial Aid at 413-545-0801 or visit their Web site at www.umass.edu/umfa.



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Deferral of Admission Request
[for admitted freshmen only]

Name:
Admissions ID:
Mailing Address:
E-mail Address:
Phone number:

I am requesting deferral to:

- January 2010
- September 2010

Please attach a **written summary** of your plans for the period of deferment. Specify travel, work, and educational objectives and relevant dates.

If you were offered a merit scholarship from UMass Amherst, please describe:

Statement of Understanding

I certify that the information provided above is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also certify that I have read and fully understand the UMass Amherst Deferral of Admission Policy.

Signature

Date