

Campus Housing

You are required to live on campus unless you are:

- a sophomore, junior, senior or graduate student.
- a married, divorced, or separated student who has notified the Housing Assignment Office (HAO) of your status.
- a parent of dependent children who has provided documentation to the HAO.
- a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces who has submitted a DD214 form to the HAO.
- a commuting student living with your parent(s) or court-appointed guardian(s) within a 40-mile radius of the Amherst campus who has filed a Commuter Card at the HAO.

Commencement (Graduate Student) Fee

This fee is charged only to graduate students who entered prior to the Fall 1999 semester. For all others, the Commencement Fee was included in the Graduate Entering Fee paid in the student's first semester.

Commonwealth College Honors Fee

The new Commonwealth College Honors fee will be used to continue providing an exceptional learning experience for students. It will help fund additional faculty, maintain small classes, and provide the experiences which distinguish the College, such as visiting authors and other special programs. We are continuing to provide this level of educational experience in spite of the cuts in state funding that necessitate this fee. The University is committed to continuing the academic quality of Commonwealth Honors College.

Continuous Enrollment Fee (Graduate Student)

Graduate students not enrolled for any course credits but who are candidates for a degree must pay a Continuous Enrollment program fee each semester for continuous registration until the degree for which the student has been accepted has been formally awarded. **Deadline for enrollment under this option is the end of the Add/Drop period.**

Curriculum Support Fee

This fee helps to offset permanent reductions in state funding and contributes to the educational mission of the campus, allowing it to remain a comprehensive university offering a wide variety of programs at the graduate and undergraduate level.

Graduate Entering Fee

Graduate students are required to pay this fee each time the student matriculates. This fee helps to offset costs associated with a student's enrollment in a graduate program. The fee includes the following graduate school services: Graduate Transcript, Library Binding and Commencement. A small portion of the fee supports central campus services related to graduate student enrollment. Non-degree graduate students are not assessed the Graduate Entering Fee.

Graduate Service Fee

This fee helps to offset permanent reductions in state funding and contributes to the graduate student service mission of the campus such as access to Fine Arts Council events, reduced ticket prices and the transit system. A portion of the fee covers bond issue debt service obligations of the University of Massachusetts Building Authority for Amherst campus facilities and projects.

Graduate Student Senate Fee

This fee supports graduate student government and various agencies providing services and activities for graduate students.

Late Payment Fee

Any student who does not make payment of his or her semester charges by the date specified may be required to pay a Late Payment Fee of \$50.

Meal Plans

All undergraduate students living in the non-apartment campus residence halls are required to purchase a meal plan. Freshman and sophomore residential students must purchase the Value or Unlimited residential meal plan. All other undergraduate residential students have the additional choice of the Gold or Platinum YCMP meal plan option.

For additional information, contact the Meal Plan Office at (413) 545-1362 or at their website <http://www.umassdining.com>.

Single Room Charges

If you choose to live in a single room, additional charges will be assessed by the Housing Assignment Office (HAO) and billed after the fifth week of the semester. For additional information, contact the Housing Office at (413) 545-2100 or at their website <http://www.housing.umass.edu>.

Student Activities Fee

This fee supports undergraduate student government, various agencies providing services and activities for students, and over two hundred existing Registered Student Organizations (RSOs).

Student Health Fee

Students taking five or more credits per semester are charged a mandatory Student Health Fee on the student's tuition and fee bill. The fee is not insurance, but works together with the student's primary plan. It entitles the student to be seen at UHS, supports an array of programs and services, and absorbs many costs not covered by primary health insurance.

If a student is taking fewer than 5 credits, or is a degree-seeking Continuing Education or University Without Walls student, the fee won't appear on the tuition and fee bill. If the student wishes to secure UHS benefits s/he needs to go to Patient Services at University Health Services (UHS) to request enrollment **before the end of the Add/Drop period**. The fee will be added to the student's tuition and fees bill.

Student Health Insurance Plan

In accordance with Massachusetts State Law, the University of Massachusetts requires full-time students to be enrolled in a US based primary health insurance plan. If a student does not already have insurance, or if the student's current plan does not meet the student's needs while at school, s/he may take advantage of the Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP).

Students taking five or more credits are automatically enrolled in the SHIP and the charge appears on the semester's tuition and fee bill. Other students and those wishing to enroll in the family plan must go to Patient Services at University Health Services (UHS).

Students may request to enroll for the plan if a student:

- A. wants family insurance;
- B. is taking fewer than five credits; or
- C. is a degree-seeking Continuing Education or University Without Walls student.

The available SHIP family plan covers a student's spouse or same-sex domestic partner and dependent children under 19.

Coverage under the SHIP plan is for the full academic year, but is charged per semester on the student's tuition and fee bill.

If a student has comparable coverage and does not need the SHIP, the student **must** complete an online waiver request **before the end of the Add/Drop period**. After successful completion of the waiver, charges will be removed from the student's tuition and fee bill. SHIP waivers completed in the fall apply to the entire academic year; only new or transfer students need to complete the waiver for the spring semester. However, if a student's needs change, the student may enroll in SHIP for the spring semester. Please note: because the SHIP coverage is for the full academic year, students who do not waive coverage in the fall semester are obligated to pay for the full year's coverage.

For more information on the SHIP and the waiver process, visit the UHS website, www.umass.edu/uhs/insurance, or call UHS Patient Services, (413) 577-5192.

Telecommunications Fee

This fee supports telephone and computer services in the residence halls and is charged to all students living in the residence halls.

Tuition Surcharge

The Massachusetts Board of Higher Education requires all universities and state colleges to assess a tuition surcharge to students who exceed 118 percent of required credits in an academic degree program. This surcharge applies to in-state undergraduates and to students enrolled through the New England Regional Exchange Program and is equal to the non-residential tuition rate per credit.

Undergraduate Entering Fee

Charged once upon a student's entry to the University; it helps to offset costs associated with a student's initial enrollment.

Undergraduate Senior Fee

Charged once a student has acquired the 87 credits required for graduation, this fee helps to offset costs attributed to student services usually applicable to an upper-class undergraduate.

Undergraduate Service Fee

This fee helps to offset permanent reductions in state funding and contributes to the student service mission of the campus such as access to Fine Arts Council events and intercollegiate athletic programs, reduced ticket prices and the transit system. A portion of the fee supports bond issue debt service obligations of the University of Massachusetts Building Authority for Amherst campus facilities and projects.

Waiving Optional Fees

If you prefer not to contribute to the following causes, these fees can be waived online. Log on to SPIRE. On your Student Center, click the MassPIRG/Child Care Waiver under the Finances heading:

- **MassPIRG**
provides funds for the campus chapter of the Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group on environmental/consumer/government issues.
- **Child Care Tuition Assistance Program**
provides funds for campus childcare.