

## New Student Checklist:

- \_\_ Obtain student ID (168 Whitmore Building) <http://www.umass.edu/ucard/>
- \_\_ Activate email account <http://www.oit.umass.edu>
- \_\_ Open a bank account  
<http://www.amherstarea.com/business/index.cfm/fa/s/howcategory/CategoryID/47.cfm>
  
- \_\_ Activate and register for classes through SPIRE <https://www.spire.umass.edu>
- \_\_ Check out area attractions  
[http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/handbook/Amherst Area and Transportation.htm](http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/handbook/AmherstAreaandTransportation.htm)
  
- \_\_ Contact the Commuter Services and Housing Resource Center- posts online listings of apartments –or- contact the Housing office as early as possible for on campus housing. Local newspapers such as the Daily Gazette also post apartment vacancies.  
  
CSHRC: <http://www.cshrc.org>  
DAILY GAZETTE: <http://www.gazettenet.com>
  
- \_\_ Pay tuition bill  
<http://www.umass.edu/umfa/aidtypes/gradoptions/>
  
- \_\_ Apply for parking permit <http://parking.umass.edu>
- \_\_ Learn free transit system <http://www.umass.edu/transit/>
- \_\_ Join a gym  
<http://www.umass.edu/campusrec/>  
<http://www.theleadingedgefitness.com>  
<http://www.hampshireac.com>
  
- \_\_ Buy textbooks  
<http://www.bkstr.com/Home/10001-10571-1?demoKey=d>  
<http://www.amherstbooks.com>  
<http://www.foodforthoughtbooks.com>  
<http://www.amazon.com>
  
- \_\_ Attend Orientation (dept. orientation, and Human Resources orientation for assistantship).
- \_\_ Explore Child Care options <http://www.machildcare.com>
- \_\_ Local schools in Amherst/Northampton  
<http://www.amherstguide.com>  
<http://visitnorthamptonguide.net>
  
- \_\_ Explore new area  
Amherst <http://www.amherstarea.com>  
Northampton <http://www.visitnorthampton.net>  
<http://www.explorenorthampton.com>

- \_\_ Research Graduate Financial Aid Opportunities <http://www.umass.edu/umfa/grads/>
- \_\_ Apply for Assistantships <http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/assistantship>
- \_\_ Learn about health insurance plan <http://www.umass.edu/uhs/>
- \_\_ Take a tour of the library facilities <http://www.library.umass.edu>
  
- \_\_ Get involved in a Graduate Student Organization <http://www.umassgss.org/student-organizations.html>
- \_\_ Get to know the UMass-Amherst Campus [http://www.umass.edu/visitorsctr/Campus\\_Map/](http://www.umass.edu/visitorsctr/Campus_Map/)
- \_\_ Review Graduate Student Handbook <http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/handbook/>
  
- \_\_ Learn about the Graduate Student Employee Union (GEO) and the Contract  
<http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/assistantship>  
<http://www.geouaw.org>
  
- \_\_ Visit Center of Teaching for those interested in improving teaching skills  
<http://www.umass.edu/cft/>
  
- \_\_ For international students or those students looking to go abroad, visit the International Programs Office  
<http://www.ipo.umass.edu>