New Student To-Do List

TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORT TO AMHERST

From Bradley International Airport (BDL), Hartford, CT

- Valley Transporter

From Boston Logan International Airport (BOS)

- Peter Pan Bus
- Valley Transporter
- Boston Subway

From New York (JFK, LaGuardia and Newark)

- Peter Pan Bus
- Megabus
- Valley Transporter
- NYC Metro

Other Resources

- Amherst Taxi Information
- Local Free Bus Services
- Getting to UMass
- UMass Free Transit

HOUSING

Graduate Housing at UMASS

- [http://www.housing.umass.edu/aboutus/gradhousing.html](http://www.housing.umass.edu/aboutus/gradhousing.html)

Off-Campus Housing

- [http://www.umocss.org/](http://www.umocss.org/)
- [http://westernmass.craigslist.org/](http://westernmass.craigslist.org/)

University Family Housing

- [http://www.housing.umass.edu/aboutus/familyhousing/index.html](http://www.housing.umass.edu/aboutus/familyhousing/index.html)
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International Programs Office
- [http://www.umass.edu/ipo/iss](http://www.umass.edu/ipo/iss)

Visa Information
- [Obtaining Your Visa](http://www.umass.edu/ipo/iss)
- [Important Visa Information](http://www.umass.edu/ipo/iss)

Social Security
- [http://www.umass.edu/ipo/iss/social](http://www.umass.edu/ipo/iss/social)

International Student Employees (Including Tax Treaty and Tax Reporting)
- [http://www.umass.edu/humres/international-employees-0](http://www.umass.edu/humres/international-employees-0)

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IMPORTANT THINGS NEEDED TO START YOUR UNIVERSITY LIFE!

Obtain Student ID (168 Whitmore Building)
- [http://www.umass.edu/ucard/](http://www.umass.edu/ucard/)

Activate Email Account
- [http://www.oit.umass.edu/accounts](http://www.oit.umass.edu/accounts)

Activate and Register for Classes through SPIRE
- [https://www.spire.umass.edu](https://www.spire.umass.edu)

Apply for Parking Permit
- [http://parking.umass.edu](http://parking.umass.edu)

Health
- University Health Services
- Student Health Benefit Plan

New Graduate Employees
Please visit the Graduate School’s HR Information [webpage](http://www.umass.edu/ipo) for instructions on completing the Human Resources Hiring Packet. It is a requirement that all new graduate students with assistantships complete and submit these employment forms to HR at least two weeks prior to the start date of the assistantship.

Buy Textbooks
- UMass Textbook Store
- Amherst Bookstore (8 Main St. Amherst, MA)
- Online at Amazon

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FINANCES

Banking
- [Open a Bank Account](http://www.umass.edu/ipo)

Financial Aid
- Graduate Student Financial Aid Opportunities
- Assistantship Information

Graduate Student Employee Union
- [GEO Information and Contract](http://www.umass.edu/humres/international-employees-0)
UMASS CAMPUS LIFE

Get to Know the UMass-Amherst Campus
• http://www.umass.edu/visitorsctr/Campus_Map/

Take a Tour of the Library Facilities
• http://www.library.umass.edu

Get Involved in a Graduate Student Organization
• http://blogs.umass.edu/gss/graduate-student-organizations-gsos/list-of-gsos/

Review Graduate Student Handbook
• http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/policies-forms/graduate-student-handbook

Office of Professional Development
• https://www.umass.edu/gradschool/office-of-professional-development

Visit the Center for Teaching
• http://www.umass.edu/ctfd/

Check out the UMass Award-Winning Dining Services
• http://www.umassdining.com/

EXPLORE THE PIONEER VALLEY

Learn about the best stores, restaurants, services and attractions in the Pioneer Valley:
• Best of “Valley Advocate”

Explore New Areas
• Northampton, MA
  o http://www.mass.gov/portal/cities-towns/northampton.html
• Amherst, MA
  o http://www.mass.gov/portal/cities-towns/amherst.html

Child Care Options:
• Graduate Student Senate
• Graduate Employee Organization
• Office of Family Resources
• Massachusetts Early Education and Care Programs

Dining
• Local Restaurants

Join a Gym
• UMASS Rec Center
• Hampshire Athletic Club
• Northampton Athletic Club