



## Benefits Unique to Non-unit, Exempt Staff

Welcome to the *University of Massachusetts Amherst!*

Your new position with the University brings many benefits, some of which are unique to the bargaining unit which includes your position. This document is a brief overview of those benefits which appear in your bargaining contract.

**Personal Time:** As a full-time employee in this bargaining unit you will be receive 7 paid personal leave days each January for use during that calendar year. Part time employees and employees who are hired after March 31<sup>st</sup> receive a pro-rated amount. Your personal time must be used by the end of the year or it will be forfeited.

Start Date	Personal Time Awarded
Jan. - Mar.	56 hours
Apr. - June	32 hours
Jul. - Sept.	16 hours
Oct. - Dec.	0 hours

**Vacation Time:** As a full-time employee in this bargaining unit you accrue 6.15 hours of vacation time each pay period (2 weeks) for a total of 20 days per year. This is a pro-rated amount based on both your position's full-time equivalency and amount of time paid.

Your vacation accruals will increase based on your years of full-time equivalent service (as follows). Your maximum vacation accrual is twice your annual accrual rate. Upon leaving employment, all vacation time is paid.

Full-time Equivalent Years of Service	Annualized Vacation Accrual
fewer than 5 years	20 days
5 years	21 days
10 years	22 days
20 years	23 days

**Sick Time** As a full-time employee in this bargaining unit you will accrue 3.69 hours per pay period (2 weeks) for a total of 12 days per year. Sick leave accruals are pro-rated based on your position's full-time equivalency and amount of time paid. Sick leave may be used in the following conditions:

- When you cannot perform your duties because you are incapacitated by personal illness or injury.
- When your spouse, domestic partner, child or parent of either you, your spouse or domestic partner, or a person living in your immediate household, is seriously ill
- When through exposure to contagious disease, your presence at work would jeopardize the health of others
- You have an appointment with a health care professional.

If you are absent from work due to illness, it is your responsibility to notify your supervisor as early as possible, and in any event, at the beginning of your work day. Your department may request documentation of illnesses resulting in on-going absence.

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Sick Leave Bank: The Sick Leave Bank is intended to provide short-term salary continuation when you are unable to perform your job due to a non-work related disability, you have a reasonable expectation of returning to your pre-disability position, and you accruals are insufficient to cover your absence. You are automatically enrolled upon your first day of hire. As a member, you will need to use up all your accrued time prior to being able to draw Sick Leave Bank benefits and Sick Leave Bank benefits may be used only for illness/injury of the member and not other family members. Your benefit time would accrue while you are using the Sick Leave Bank.

For additional information on benefits unique to Non-Unit Professional employees, please reference the current Non-Unit Professional Handbook. Where this document departs from the contract, University policy will prevail.

Bereavement Time: Paid leave is granted, for a maximum of four consecutive working days, in the event of a death in your immediate family: spouse, domestic partner, child, parent, brother, sister, grandparent, grandchild, spouse or domestic partner's parent or person living in your immediate household.

Paid leave is granted for a maximum of two consecutive working days in the event of the death of your son-in-law, daughter-in-law, or your spouse or your domestic partner's brother, sister, grandparent or grandchild.

In the event that the interment or memorial service for any of the above-named individuals is to occur at a time beyond the bereavement leave granted, you may request to defer one of the days to the later date.