Living@UMass

Your Student’s Transition to the Campus and the Amherst Community
Some Facts for Us

1. Your student: First Year?, Community College?, or from a Four year institution?

2. Your student: from Out of State or from MASS?

3. Your student will live: On Campus, Off Campus, or Commuting?

4. Your student: will have a college roommate for the first time or has already lived with a roommate in college?
Learning Outcomes

• Identify strategies for transfer success.
• Share residence hall and on campus support services for students’ success.
• Understand and appreciate the intersections of the student and UMass community.
• Locate important deadlines and timelines on the living at UMass website & App!
Intersections of Community

Roommates

Inclusion & Connection

Diversity

Floor & Residence Hall Community

Campus & Local Community

Care & Compassion

Self

Civility

Involvement & Engagement
YOUR STUDENT

• Transfer & Spring Admit Transitions: new student culture, starting over, high expectations, missing information.

• Discuss your student’s expectations about coming to UMass Academics, making friends, and creating social networks.

• Time to examine their own values and strengths, talents, and self-image. What is real? What are media messages?

• A recognition we all have “conscious & unconscious” bias.
Advice from One Student to Another

Living at UMass Amherst
How to be Successful

• Get involved!
• Explore new and different organizations and opportunities
• Make connections with professors, staff, roommates and neighbors
• Learn to communicate both in the classroom and in your living environment
• Stay on top of schedules and policies in the classroom and around campus
• Budget money and time
• Safeguard your physical and mental well-being

• Remember
Residential Curriculum

Our Educational Priority:

Students will be active community members who are personally and socially responsible, academically prepared, and strive for cultural competence.

Learning Goals:

• Personal Responsibility
• Academic Preparedness
• Cultural Competence
• Community Engagement
Get Them Ready for a Roommate!

The most successful roommates,

• Respect and honor differences
• Engage in open and honest communication
• Frame clear expectations
Residence Hall Resources

- A Resident Assistant who lives on the floor
- Residence Director
- Residential Service Desk (RSD)
Their Floor & Hall Community

Residence Hall Living is unique, it is likely to be the most diverse living environment your student will ever be a member of:

- Respect and consideration are key!
- Community members’ needs and schedules are different
- Sharing spaces such as bathrooms and lounges facilitate interaction and require communication and compromise
- Be open to differences and acknowledge your own comfort level with diversity
Off Campus Student Life & Center
Student Union 314

- Center staffed by and for Off Campus Students
  - Fridge and Microwave, Free coffee!
  - Computers and UCard printer
  - Space for studying or hanging out with friends
  - Locker rentals available
  - Online living off campus certification moodle

www.umass.edu/offcampuslife/
Living Off Campus

offcampushousing.umass.edu
Our Community Living Principles

Safety ... Personal and Property
Inclusion ... Commonalities and Differences
Civility... Acceptance & Courteous
Engagement ... Enrichment
Integrity ... Respect for Truth
Community Expectations

- Code of Student Conduct - On and Off campus
- Residential Life Community Standards
- Alcohol & Drugs – Federal, State, Local
- Title IX & Title VI
- August & September Trainings
More Campus Resources!!!

CCA PH
Center for Counseling and Psychological Health
Disability Services
Just for Parents

• Your Contact Plans & Expectations
• Keep University & Self Help Web Sites marked:
  www.UMASS.edu
  www.umass.edu/parents/
  www.jedfoundation.org/parents
• Have students update their Emergency Contact on SPIRE!
• Go to www.UMASS.edu in cases of emergencies
• Review your Insurance Policy & Consider Renter’s Insurance
Just for Parents

- University Regulations and US Laws that guide our relationship with our students and parents.
- Confidentiality: Therapist, Doctors, Clergy, & Attorneys
- Student Conduct Process: Waivers & Student Records
- Privacy & Safety: Sensitive information and Safety
- Anonymous Reporting: UMPD, Title IX, not DOSO, etc.
On Campus Housing Preference Application

On campus options:
• McNamara Transfer Community, MassTransfer RTP, Engineering RTP
• DRCs, SophoMORE, Honors, Special Housing Options
• 7 Residential Areas

Student Resources:
• Video tutorials
• My UMass App

Residential Life
Student Services
413-545-2100
www.umass.edu/living

ALL new students must submit the Preference Application to apply for on-campus housing by January 8th.

Assignment Notification available on SPIRE Friday, January 12th!
We get to actively choose the community in which we live.

Let's choose to care.

Questions?

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