Living@UMass

Your Student’s Transition to the UMass Amherst Community
Learning Outcomes

• Identify key aspects of a student’s successful transition to a new and diverse environment.
• Articulate the supports offered by Residential Life and Off Campus Student Life.
• Locate important on-line resources.
• Name strategies parents and families can use to support their student living at UMass.
Student Transitions & Expectations

• Into college life.

• Learning who they are... values, strengths, “conscious & unconscious” assumptions, and self-image.

• Increasing independence while navigating home connections.
Student Transitions & Expectations

Living at UMass Amherst
Residential Curriculum

Our Educational Priority:

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Learning Goals:

• Personal Responsibility
• Academic Preparedness
• Cultural Competence
• Community Engagement
Residential Curriculum

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Strategies:

• Floor Meetings
• Individual Meetings between RA and resident
• Bulletin Boards and Digital communications
• Programs and Initiatives
• Roommate Agreements
Roommate Conflicts: Why They Happen

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Floor & Community Spaces

Residence Hall Living is unique, it is likely to be among the most diverse living environment your student will ever experience!

• Bathrooms
• Lounges & Classrooms
• Kitchens
• Laundry Rooms
Resources in the Residence Hall

- **Resident Assistant** – RAs live on the floor
- **Peer Mentors** – PMs have office hours in the Residential Academic Success Center (RASC)
- **Residence Director**
- **Residential Service Desk (RSD)**
- **Residence Hall Security**
Housing Preference Application

Options for living on campus:
1. Join a Residential Academic Program (RAP)
2. Rank order the 5 residential areas with First Year Residence Halls

Student Resources:
• Roommate Search
• Video tutorials

ALL new students must submit the Preference Application to apply for on-campus housing between June 1\textsuperscript{st} and July 13\textsuperscript{th}.

Assignment Notification will be available on SPIRE August 3rd!

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

RAP Office
413-545-2803
www.umass.edu/rap
Encourage Your Student to Engage!
Community Expectations

- Safe and respectful community – On campus and in Amherst and neighboring towns
- Residential Life Community Standards
- Code of Student Conduct - On and Off campus
- Community of Care- Umatter at UMass
What Your Students Are Hearing

• Be a good neighbor
• Be friendly
• Respect private property
• Know and follow town & state laws
• Code applies as long as they are a student
Your students are also hearing about Umass Values

- Bystanders- Step in and Stand up for values.
- Respect- Understanding there are differences among us builds inclusive communities.
- Accountability- You make your decisions, and deal with consequences
- Care- Demonstrate empathy and compassion
- Responsibility- Your obligation to uphold these values
- Safety- Successful students don’t endanger themselves or the community
Students reminding students to be safe, quiet and respectful when traveling through residential neighborhoods.
Campus Resources!!!

CCPH
Center for Counseling and Psychological Health

ADA 25
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AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Disability Services
Men and Masculinities Center
Supporting Student Success

- Review your Expectations & Communication with student
- Have students update their Emergency Contact on SPIRE!
- Keep University & Other Web Sites marked:
  www.UMASS.edu
  www.umass.edu/parents/
  www.jedfoundation.org/parents

Partner with us in your student’s success!
We get to actively choose the community in which we live.

Let’s choose to care.

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