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.
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UMassAmherst
The Commonwealth's Flagship Campus
Residential Curriculum

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Learning Goals:

- Personal Responsibility
- Academic Preparedness
- Cultural Competence
- Community Engagement
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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
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** (first-year halls) – PMs have office hours in the Residential Academic Success Center (RASC)
• **Residence Director**
• **Residential Service Desk** (RSD)
• **Residence Hall Security**
Housing Preference Application

Submit your Housing Preference Application on SPIRE

Student Resources:

• Video tutorials

ALL new students must submit the Preference Application to apply for on-campus housing between November 5th and January 7th.

Assignment Notification will be available on SPIRE January 11th!

https://www.umass.edu/living/assign/undergrad-new
Encourage Your Students to Engage!
Off Campus Student Life
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.
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.

Questions?