

## PHENOM INDEPENDENT STUDY

Help the Public Higher Education Network of Massachusetts organize a powerful movement for affordable, accessible, well-funded public higher education!

In this independent study, students will work with other PHENOM activists to expand and strengthen PHENOM's organizing and advocacy work. Students will have a choice of whether to

- Organize on the UMass Amherst campus,
- Reach out to students on other campuses, or
- Make connections with community organizations in Western Massachusetts

On-campus work could include outreach to student organizations, contact with union leaders and members, planning educational events, organizing lobbying activities. Off-campus work could include speaking with local organizations, preparing and disseminating literature, and involving community members in legislative outreach.

In addition to the hands-on experiential work, students will also read, discuss, and learn a great deal about the major economic and political issues facing public higher education in Massachusetts. We hope that this will be done jointly with students at a number of other public college campuses, who will similarly be receiving academic credit for working with PHENOM.

Students will be supervised by PHENOM's Organizing Director, Ferd Wulkan, and will meet periodically throughout the semester for support, review of their work, and suggestions.

Students will write a final paper at the end of the semester in which they will either:

- reflect on their work, discuss what they have learned, and make recommendations to PHENOM for future work, or
- summarize research on a particular aspect of the economics or politics of public higher education that could be useful in PHENOM's organizing.

If you are think you might be interested, read about PHENOM at [www.phenomonline.org](http://www.phenomonline.org)

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