UMass Amherst Application Majors and Special Requirements
(See page 2 footnotes for information about majors with special requirements for admission)

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING [1]
Chemical Engineering
Civil Engineering
Computer Systems Engineering
Electrical Engineering
Industrial Engineering
Mechanical Engineering

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES & FINE ARTS
Afro-American Studies
Architecture [2]
Art History
Chinese Language & Literature
Classics
Classics & Philosophy
Comparative Literature
Dance [3]
English
French & Francophone Studies
German & Scandinavian Studies
History
Italian Studies
Japanese Language & Literature
Judaic Studies
Linguistics
Middle Eastern Studies
Music [3]
Philosophy
Portuguese
Russian & East European Studies
Spanish
Studio Art [4]
Theater
Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES
Animal Science
Arboriculture & Community Forest Management (associate’s degree)
Astronomy
Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
Biology
Building & Construction Technology
Chemistry
Computer Science [5]
Earth Systems
Environmental Science
Equine Management (associate’s degree)
Food Science
Geography
Geology
Mathematics
Microbiology
Natural Resources Conservation
Physics
Plant, Soil, & Insect Sciences
Pre-Dental Studies *
Pre-Medical Studies *
Pre-Veterinary *

Psychology

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES (continued)
Science (interdepartmental)
Sustainable Food & Farming (bachelor’s degree)
Sustainable Food & Farming (associate’s degree)
Sustainable Horticulture (bachelor’s degree)
Sustainable Horticulture (associate’s degree)
Turfgrass Management (associate’s degree)
Turfgrass Science & Management (bachelor’s degree)

COLLEGE OF SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES
Anthropology
Communication [6]
Economics [6]
Journalism [6]
Landscape Architecture
Landscape Contracting (associate’s degree)
Legal Studies
Political Science
Pre-Law*
Resource Economics
Social Thought & Political Economy
Sociology
Sustainable Community Development

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION [7]
Teacher Certification Programs in:
Early Childhood Education
Elementary Education
Middle/Secondary Education

ISENBERG SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT
Accounting [8]
Finance [8]
Hospitality & Tourism Management [9]
Management [8]
Marketing [8]
Operations & Information Management [8]
Sport Management [10]

SCHOOL OF NURSING [11]
Nursing (freshman applicants only)

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH SCIENCES
Communication Disorders
Kinesiology [12]
Nutrition
Public Health Sciences

BACHELOR’S DEGREE WITH INDIVIDUAL CONCENTRATION (BDIC) [13]

UNDECIDED MAJOR
(Transfer juniors must declare a major and will not be admitted as undecided majors)
Important Notes Regarding UMass Amherst Majors with Special Requirements

* The Pre-Dental, Pre-Law, Pre-Med, and Pre-Veterinary advising programs provide academic counseling to students interested in applying to professional schools. Students interested in Pre-Vet (which is selective) will be assigned initially to the major in Animal Science.

[1] Engineering
Admission is selective. Freshman applicants with strong preparation in math through precalculus and in science, including chemistry and physics, are given priority. Admitted freshmen are granted general admission to the College of Engineering; at the end of their freshman year they choose a specific engineering major. Transfer applicants must have earned a 2.7 or higher college GPA and completed college coursework in calculus and physics/chemistry, although meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

Applicants planning to major in Architecture should file their application with the Admissions Office early to facilitate the portfolio review process. Applicants are required to submit a portfolio of 10-15 items representing work completed both in and out of class, to include evidence of drawing ability. Representative work in other media should also be included. Portfolios should be sent directly to the Architecture and Design Program. Transfer students must include their college transcript(s). For more detailed information about portfolio presentation, see www.umass.edu/architecture.

Applicants planning to major in Music or Dance should file their application with the Admissions Office early to facilitate the audition process. Applicants must contact the Music or Dance department directly at least three weeks prior to the desired audition date to arrange for an audition. Their admission application must be on file in the Admissions Office before scheduled auditions can occur. Audition information is available on the department’s web site at www.umass.edu/music-dance.

[4] Studio Art
Applicants planning to major in Studio Art should file their application with the Admissions Office early in order to facilitate the portfolio review process. Applicants must be required to submit a portfolio of 15-20 items representing work completed both in and out of class, to include evidence of drawing ability. Representative work in other media should be included. Portfolios should be sent directly to the Art Department. Transfer students must include their college transcript(s). For more detailed information about portfolio presentation, see www.umass.edu/art.

[5] Computer Science
Freshman applicants with strong preparation in math through precalculus and in science, including chemistry and physics, are given priority. Transfer applicants must have completed prerequisite coursework in calculus and data structures.

[6] Communication, Economics, Journalism
Admission to these majors requires a strong academic record, including demonstrated math ability for the economics major. Transfer applicants for economics must also have completed precalculus with a B or better, in addition to microeconomics/macroeconomics.

[7] School of Education
Requirements for Massachusetts teacher certification include an approved teacher education curriculum plus completion of an approved academic major (or interdisciplinary major) in the liberal arts. The Early Childhood and Elementary Education programs have selective admission. Secondary certification requires education coursework in addition to the academic major. Junior transfer applicants should contact the Teacher Certification Office to concurrently apply for the early childhood or elementary certification sequence so as not to delay their graduation. For more information, see: www.umass.edu/education/educator-licensure/guide-to-programs

[8] Isenberg School of Management
Students in these majors are offered general admission to the Isenberg School of Management. At the end of their sophomore year they apply for admission to a specific major. Freshman applicants must have strong SAT scores and academic preparation, including math through precalculus. Transfer applicants with a 3.2 or higher GPA may be admitted to the Isenberg School based on their performance in predictor coursework (business calculus, microeconomics, macroeconomics, and two semesters of accounting). Online programs are also available: www.umassulearn.net/programs

[9] Hospitality & Tourism Management
Transfer applicants must have a 2.7 or higher cumulative college GPA.

[10] Sport Management
Application is selective and is based on the strength of the overall record and in sport management-related activities. Transfer applicants must have completed math and business-related courses.

[11] School of Nursing
Admission to the nursing major is competitive and highly selective. If freshman applicants are not admitted to nursing, they will not be able to change their major to nursing after enrollment. Transfer applicants are not considered for admission to nursing.

Programs are also available for RN's and those seeking a second bachelor's degree in nursing: www.umassulearn.net/programs

[12] Kinesiology
Transfer applicants must have a 3.0 or higher GPA and above-average grades in science coursework.

[13] BDIC
This is an upper-division major and is not available to entering students.