



UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST  
Undergraduate Admissions  
37 Mather Drive  
Amherst, MA 01003

## Deferral of Freshman Admission Policy

To defer your admission to UMass Amherst for up to one year, please complete and return the **Deferral of Freshman Admission Request** form. If you have any questions, please call the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at 413-545-0222 or visit our Web site at [www.umass.edu/admissions](http://www.umass.edu/admissions). NOTE: Admitted transfer students normally are not eligible for deferred admission and should therefore contact a transfer counselor.

### Terms

1. Deferred admission may be requested for either one or two semesters. A deferral cannot be extended beyond one year.
2. Students planning to complete a post-graduate year of high school or to enroll at another college or university are not eligible for deferred admission. A deferred student who subsequently matriculates at another institution will lose their deferred admission status at UMass Amherst.
3. During the period of approved deferment, students may take up to two courses per semester so long as they remain in non-degree status. Courses taken at other institutions will be evaluated for transfer credit in accordance with established UMass Amherst policies. For more information, please contact an UMass Amherst transfer admissions counselor at 413-545-0222.
4. Students requesting a deferral must pay the required non-refundable Enrollment Fee by the relevant deadline and must submit their **final high school transcript** indicating successful completion of the senior year as soon as possible after graduation.
5. Students who are approved to defer their admission will receive information regarding housing and orientation for their new enrollment term in February (for fall term) or November (for spring term). NOTE: A merit award offered by UMass Amherst and/or admission to a competitive major will be deferred to the new term.

### Deferral Application Deadlines

- **August 1:** Deadline for submission of your Deferral of Freshman Admission Request form and your final high school transcript if you were admitted for the fall semester.
- **January 1:** Deadline for submission of your Deferral of Freshman Admission Request form and your final high school transcript if you were admitted for the spring semester.

### Financial Aid

- Students who defer to the following fall must reapply for financial aid. To apply for financial assistance, you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by February 15 preceding fall enrollment.
- Students who defer from fall to spring semester normally will receive a proportionate share of their previously granted full-year award.

For further information, please contact the Office of Financial Aid at 413-545-0801 or visit their Web site at <http://www.umass.edu/umfa>



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<b>Name:</b>
<b>SPIRE ID:</b>
<b>Mailing Address:</b>
<b>E-mail Address:</b>
<b>Phone number:</b>

**Note:** For students admitted to the fall term, the deadline to submit this request is August 1.  
For students admitted to the spring term, the deadline to submit this request is January 1.

**1) I am requesting deferral to:**

- Spring \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fall \_\_\_\_\_

**2) Please attach a written summary of your plans for the period of deferment.** Specify travel, work, and educational objectives and relevant dates.

**3) If you were offered a merit award from UMass Amherst, please describe:**

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**4) Statement of Understanding**

I certify that the information provided above is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also certify that I have read and fully understand the UMass Amherst Deferral of Admission Policy.

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**Signature**

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**Date**