The 2019 Entering First Year Student Survey was administered during summer New Student Orientation (NSO) to the vast majority of domestic first year students. International students and students who attended a One-Day orientation were invited to complete an online version of the survey. Response rates are as follows: in-person NSO administration = 86%, online administration for international students = 34%, online administration for One-Day orientation students = 36%. The overall response rate was 76% (n=4362). This report presents overall results for selected survey items. Results are shown separately for women (W) and men (M) if the difference between groups is approximately ten or more percentage points.

- Applied to 6 or more colleges (W=69%, M=60%)
- Accepted by their first choice college (58%)
- UMass Amherst was their first choice (38%)
- Intend to obtain an advanced degree (W=82%, M=72%)
- Will bring a desktop computer to college (W=2%, M=13%)
- Have concern about their ability to finance their college education (W=85%, M=75%)

Top reasons for attending college (% Very Important)
- To get a better job (89%)
- To learn more about things that interest me (80%)
- To be able to make more money (75%)

Top reasons for attending UMass Amherst (% Very Important)
- Academic reputation (77%)
- The cost (70%)
- Graduates get good jobs (66%)

Top student priorities (% Very Important or Essential)
- Striving for excellence (90%)
- Being very well off financially (79%)
- Helping others who are in difficulty (W=84%, M=69%)

Current religious preference:
- Roman Catholic (23%)
- "None" (21%)
- Atheist (13%)

Political views:
- Liberal or Far Left (W=59%, M=33%)
- Middle-of-the-Road (W=34%, M=49%)
- Conservative or Far Right (W=7%, M=18%)
Academic behaviors in high school senior year (% Frequently)
- Were bored in class (47%)
- Asked a teacher for advice after class (W=36%, M=26%)
- Failed to complete homework on time (6%)

Mental health in high school senior year (% Frequently)
- Felt overwhelmed by all they had to do (W=59%, M=29%)
- Felt anxious (W=46%, M=25%)
- Felt depressed (16%)

Top areas of anticipated need for support in college (% I will need a lot of help)
- Managing my finances (W=30%, M=19%)
- Managing stress, anxiety, or depression (W=24%, M=11%)
- Managing my time (17%)

How students spent their time during a typical week of high school senior year:
- Socializing with friends (9.3 hrs)
- Working for pay (8.1 hrs)
- Exercising (7.7 hrs)
- Watching TV (7.6 hrs)
- Using social media (7.5 hrs)
- Studying or doing homework (7.1 hrs)

Disabilities and medical conditions (% Yes)
- Psychological disorder (W=28%, M=12%)
- Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (8%)
- Physical disability (4%)

Wellness-related behaviors (% "Frequently" in past year)
- Used marijuana (10%)
- Consumed alcohol (9%)
- Vaped/used e-cigarettes (7%)

Personal importance of UMass Amherst values (% Very Important or Essential)
- Helping to promote inclusiveness in society (W=80%, M=57%)
- Contributing to the welfare of people in society (W=74%, M=61%)
- Helping to promote ecological sustainability (W=66%, M=57%)

College opportunities students are looking forward to (% To a great extent):
- Developing new friendships (87%)
- Exploring career options (76%)
- Becoming more independent (74%)
- Participating in a study abroad program (W=65%, M=39%)