

Dear Student,

As the start of spring semester approaches, please read the [UMass Code of Student Conduct](#) to review requirements for living and acting responsibly as a member of the university community. Additionally, students living in the Amherst area must adhere to the [Interim Pandemic Policy](#) as well as to requirements of the university's current [Operational Posture](#). Your understanding of these policies helps ensure a [safe](#), personally and academically fulfilling learning environment for yourself and others.

The Code of Student Conduct is applicable wherever you live or study: on or off campus, on the Mount Ida campus, in domestic or international exchange programs, on all [Five College](#) campuses, or in any university-sponsored activity.

As part of this outstanding educational community, you are expected to maintain high standards of personal conduct and to [actively foster the well-being of yourself and others](#). You will receive emails on [hazing](#), [alcohol and other drug use](#), and [fire safety](#). Because violations of these laws and policies can have serious consequences, it is important to review these policies to ensure you understand both your rights and responsibilities as part of the UMass community.

Expectations for ethical and respectful behavior are high and are meant to be clear. If you have questions about policies or expectations, please contact staff members in [Student Conduct and Community Standards Office](#).

Sincerely,
Evelyn L. Ashley, Ph.D.
 Dean of Students



COVID-19 Resources

- Find the latest updates on the [UMass Coronavirus website](#)
- Whether studying remotely or in person, take part in [Student Life](#)

Build Positive Community

- Join us in [Fighting Hate](#)
- Get involved with [Student Government Association](#) or your [Residence Hall Leadership](#)
- Connect with [Team Positive Presence](#)
- Stay connected by downloading the [MyUMass](#) app on the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#)

Build Safe Community

- Support yourself and others by [reporting hate and bias-related acts](#)
- Read [Residence Hall Access, Security and Safety](#) Guidelines
- Secure your stuff with [Project Protect](#) and [Like It, Lock It, Keep It](#)
- Remember: [One Swipe, One Entry](#) in residence halls

Get Help with Problems or Concerns

- [Dean of Students Office](#)
- [Residence Hall Staff](#) (Resident Assistant, Peer Mentor, or Residence Director)
- Your [Academic Dean](#) or [Academic Advisor](#)
- [Off Campus Student Life](#)
- [Student Legal Services Office](#)