Dear Student,

Please take a moment to review the UMass Code of Student Conduct and, if you live on campus, the Residential Life Community Standards. Reading these policies is important for you to become familiar with requirements for living and acting responsibly as a member of the university community. Your understanding of these policies is integral to ensure a safe, and personally and academically fulfilling learning environment for you and others.

You are a UMass student no matter where you live or study. Therefore the Code of Student Conduct is applicable whether you live on- or off-campus, attend classes on the Mount Ida campus, or are studying with a domestic or international exchange program, taking courses or participating in events at any of the other Five College Consortium campuses (Hampshire, Amherst, Mount Holyoke and Smith Colleges), and/or taking part in any university approved 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 detailed emails regarding hazing, alcohol and other drug use, and fire safety. Violations of these laws and policies can have serious consequences. It is therefore important to review these policies to ensure you understand both your rights and responsibilities as part of the UMass community.

In such a vibrant community, expectations for ethical and respectful behavior are high and are meant to be clear. If you have questions about these policies or expectations, please contact staff members in Residential Life, Student Conduct & Compliance, or the Student Legal Services Office.

Sincerely,
Cara Appel-Silbaugh, Ph.D.
Dean of Students

How to Help Build Positive Community

- Join us in Fighting Hate
- Get involved with Student Government Association or your Residence Hall
- Join Team Positive Presence
- Stay connected by downloading the MyUMass app on iTunes or Google Play

How to Help Build Safe Community

- Support yourself and others by reporting hate and bias-related acts
- Read Residence Hall Access, Security and Safety Guidelines
- Connect with or join Walk This Way
- Secure your stuff with Project Protect and Like It, Lock It, Keep It
- Take an Emergency Medical Technician training

People Who Can Help You With Problems or Concerns

- Dean of Students Main Office
- Residence Hall Staff (Resident Assistant, Peer Mentor, or Residence Director)
- Your Academic Dean or Academic Advisor
- Student Legal Services Office

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