



## WATCH THE CLOCK! NAVIGATING THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

We know that senior year is usually a challenging one. Though you have a lot to think about, applying to college doesn't have to be as stressful as it might seem, especially when you have support from our team!

We have some tips on navigating the admissions process to make this experience a little easier. Let nothing stop you from unlocking opportunities for your future!

### START THE RESEARCH

#### Make a list

Start by making a list of the colleges you're interested in applying to and narrow it down by considering the majors you want to pursue. It's important to consider a college that offers multiple options, like UMass Amherst, with more than 90 academic programs!

#### Explore the campus

Visiting a college campus might not be an option right now, and that's okay because there are many virtual admissions activities and events to explore. Experience our virtual campus tour, join a Q&A session with our tour guides, and more! ([umass.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/visit](https://umass.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/visit)).

#### Contact your admissions counselor

Every student is assigned a UMass Amherst admissions counselor based on your school. Your admissions counselor is here to help you every step of the way, from exploring academic options to answering any questions. Our team is excited to meet you! Email [mail@admissions.umass.edu](mailto:mail@admissions.umass.edu) to connect with your specific UMass admissions representative.

#### Research Pro Tips:

Exploratory tracks are great options if you aren't sure what you want to study. ([umass.edu/academics/undergraduate](https://umass.edu/academics/undergraduate)).

Request to speak with a current UMass Amherst student so you can ask questions and hear about their personal experience at [tours@admissions.umass.edu](mailto:tours@admissions.umass.edu) email.

### APPLY, APPLY, APPLY!

#### Know the important deadlines\*

UMass Amherst has two important application dates:

**Early Action: November 5**

**Regular Decision: January 15**

#### \*Deadline Pro Tip:

If you apply Early Action, you will receive your admission decision sooner and have more time to make a final decision. If you apply Regular Decision, it's more likely that colleges will see your first semester senior year grades.

#### UMass Amherst application checklist:

- Completed Common Application (required)
- High School Transcript(s) (required)
- One Letter of Recommendation (required)\*
- College Essay and UMass Amherst Questions (required)
- Standardized Test Scores (optional)

#### Take advantage of your application fee waivers

If you are eligible for fee waivers, use them for the colleges you are most interested in applying to. You can request a fee waiver directly on the Common Application. Remember to follow up with supporting documents if applicable.

#### \*Recommendation Pro Tip:

Work with your school counselor to identify strengths and unique information you would like them to include in your recommendation letter.

#### Identify what's required or optional

Verify the application materials that are required and/or optional. UMass Amherst requires every student to submit the Common App ([commonapp.org](https://commonapp.org)), including a high school transcript, letter of recommendation, and college essay.



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Throughout the admission process, you will learn a lot of useful and interesting information. It's helpful to stay organized; use the handy chart below to help you prepare important details and information. Remember to contact Admissions with any questions.

	COLLEGE 1	COLLEGE 2	COLLEGE 3
<b>GENERAL INFO</b>	<b>University of Massachusetts Amherst</b>		
School Location	Amherst, Massachusetts		
Type of University	State University		
Public or Private	Public		
Website	<a href="http://umass.edu/admissions">umass.edu/admissions</a>		
School Enrollment Total	23,000+		
<b>ADMISSION INFORMATION</b>			
Application Deadline	Early Action: Nov. 5 Regular Decision: Jan. 15		
Type of Application	<a href="#">Common App</a>		
SAT/ACT Required	No		
<b>COST &amp; FINANCIAL AID</b>			
FASFA Deadline	None		
Tuition/Fees	In-State \$17,772 Out-of-State \$40,450		
Average Living Expenses	In-State \$16,710 Out-of-State \$16,710		
Average Aid	\$14,072		
<b>ACADEMICS</b>			
Do they have my major?	Yes		
Academic Advising	Yes		
Internships	Yes		
Student-to-Faculty Ratio	18:1		
<b>STUDENT LIFE</b>			
Student Clubs	Yes		
Athletic Activities	Yes		
Leadership Opportunities	Yes		
On-Campus Jobs	Yes		
Welcoming Community	Yes		

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