

FIRST-YEAR APPLICANTS

APPLICATION DEADLINES

**First-Year
Early Action**
November 5

**First-Year
Regular Decision**
Fall: January 15
Spring: October 1



UMass Amherst only uses the Common Application. Students must apply online (see commonapp.org). Once you have created your Common App account and are logged in, be sure to select UMass Amherst as one of your colleges. Once you submit, be sure to check the “Dashboard” tab in the Common Application and click on “University of Massachusetts Amherst” to confirm your application has been submitted.

Your application is considered complete once all required materials are received and processed. It could take 1–2 weeks to process your application. Shortly after your application is processed, you’ll receive an email and PIN so that you can access your Student Status Page. This will allow you to log into our system to check if there are missing materials needed for a complete application. **Incomplete applications cannot be reviewed.** It is important to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that all required materials have been received.

PURSUE YOUR PASSION

APPLICATION TIPS

Name: Use your full legal name on all documents and on all application materials, including test scores. For U.S. citizens, this is the name listed on your Social Security card.

Social Security number: If you intend to apply for financial aid, enter your Social Security number accurately on your application. An omission or error will delay the processing of your financial aid award. Social Security numbers are required in order to correlate with information provided as part of the financial aid process. Our confidential receipt of applicants’ Social Security numbers is in compliance with federal reporting requirements.

Accurate mailing and email addresses: Confirm that your mailing address is correct and provide an email address that you check frequently. We recommend creating an email account for all college-related communication and sharing access with your parents/guardians. You should not use your high school/district-issued email. Don’t forget to notify us if your addresses change. All communication regarding the status of your application will be sent via email.

Selecting a major: Browse our list of majors. You can select your intended major and an alternative major of interest. Your intended major may impact the application review process, as particular majors have specific requirements, and major choice can impact the admission decision.

Transcripts: Request that your high school send or transmit the Common Application School Report and an official transcript directly to Undergraduate Admissions. Transcripts must be issued from the high school in which you completed your junior year and must include a listing of all high school courses and grades.

Test-Optional Policy: At UMass Amherst, we have made standardized tests optional for first-year applicants. Submitted scores are part of the review process.

Learn more at umass.edu/admissions/testoptional-policy.

If you do choose to submit test scores, they must be sent electronically by the testing agency, and choosing the option to have them considered is final. Student score reports and test scores on high school transcripts are not considered official. The UMass Amherst codes are 3917 for SAT and 1924 for ACT.

TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR MAJOR

With nearly 100 majors and 60 minors to choose from, as well as Exploratory Tracks in many schools and colleges and an option to build your own major, undergraduates can easily find areas of study that align with their interests, skills, and goals. Explore our programs of study and keep these facts about certain majors in mind when selecting a major on the Common Application.

EXPLORATORY TRACK

Not sure what to major in? Start with an Exploratory Track to investigate your interests and explore all your academic options. Students in the Exploratory Track work closely with academic advisors and receive plenty of guidance along the way, eventually matching them to a major.

PORTFOLIO/AUDITION MAJORS

For some majors, in addition to the Common Application, applicants must submit a portfolio or audition to their respective department at the time of application. More information for each major can be found at the QR code below.

Art: Submit a portfolio to the art department using SlideRoom.

Architecture: Submit a portfolio to the architecture department using SlideRoom.

Music: Submit a music application and audition.

Dance: Submit a dance application form and a movement sample and/or audition.

ACADEMIC MINORS

After enrolling at UMass, you can select a minor related to your major or something completely different. With a minor, you can add depth and variety to your UMass academic experience.

DARE TO KEEP EXPLORING.

COMPETITIVE MAJORS

Some majors at UMass Amherst are more selective than others. That means the demand for the major significantly exceeds the space available. These highly selective majors include business, computer science, engineering, nursing, and sport management. There are multiple pathways to achieving your academic goals. Explore different major options and consider supplementing a major with a minor. Nursing admission is restricted to first-year students, and transfers from other majors or schools are not considered. Internal transfers to the Isenberg School of Management are also prohibited, and the business minor is limited.

For more information on specific requirements for majors and highly selective majors, please visit our website at umass.edu/admissions/competitivemajors.

BUILD YOUR OWN MAJOR BACHELOR'S DEGREE WITH INDIVIDUAL CONCENTRATION (BDIC)

This is a self-designated major that is not an option on the application. Applicants are encouraged to apply through the Interdisciplinary Exploratory Track (undecided) or declare a major related to their planned individual concentration.

FORGE YOUR FUTURE PRE-PROFESSIONAL ADVISING PROGRAMS

Pre-health, pre-law, and pre-veterinary advising programs provide academic counseling to students interested in applying to professional schools. Pre-vet students are initially assigned the animal science major. For more information, visit umass.edu/admissions/pre-professional.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON MAJORS,
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