



University of Massachusetts Amherst





From the Chancellor

Dear Prospective Student,

Welcome to UMass Amherst!

As the flagship public land-grant university of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, we are rooted in education, research, and service that benefit the common good. Our commitment to the common good is infused in everything that we do: our academic programs, our research and scholarship, our creative and entrepreneurial endeavors, and our partnerships and community engagement.

We are proud to be one of the top public universities in the nation, and to welcome students from across all corners of the state, the country, and the world.

At UMass Amherst, you don't just work toward a degree; you work toward gaining the knowledge and competencies needed to shape the future that you want to see. Here, you will have opportunities to engage in research and scholarship; explore career pathways through internships and experiential learning; engage with our Mount Ida campus in Greater Boston and our centers in Springfield, Gloucester, and East Wareham; network with industry and community partners; pursue innovation and entrepreneurship; study abroad; and so much more.

Guided by expert faculty, every day our students are expanding the boundaries of what is possible and forging new realities.

I hope to see you on campus!

Chancellor Javier A. Reyes



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A Great Investment

#26

Top Public University
U.S. News
& World Report

#12

Top Value Public School
for Financial Aid
The Princeton Review

38%

Of students received
merit grants in 2024

The University of Massachusetts consistently ranks highly as a top value public school. However you define it—a reasonable price, stellar academics, a vibrant campus life, or post-graduation success—UMass offers so much value to students looking for an extraordinary college experience at an affordable cost.

In 2025, the university gave nearly 85 percent of our first-year students scholarships, grants, loans, and work-study opportunities. With almost 100 majors, 60 minors, and countless certificate programs, students can combine their academics to create an experience that matches their interests and career goals. Of our 2024 bachelor's degree graduates, 87 percent are currently employed in their chosen field.



Ilana Krebs '25

Dual Degree: Environmental Microbiology (BDIC)/
Portuguese

Ultimately, finances were the driving factor in my college decisions, but since being here, UMass has inspired me in more ways than I can count. I have been inspired by professors giving lectures, by peers who are deeply inquisitive and passionate, by faculty members who spend their weekends attending campus events, and by the overall energy and zest that the UMass community has for life and learning.



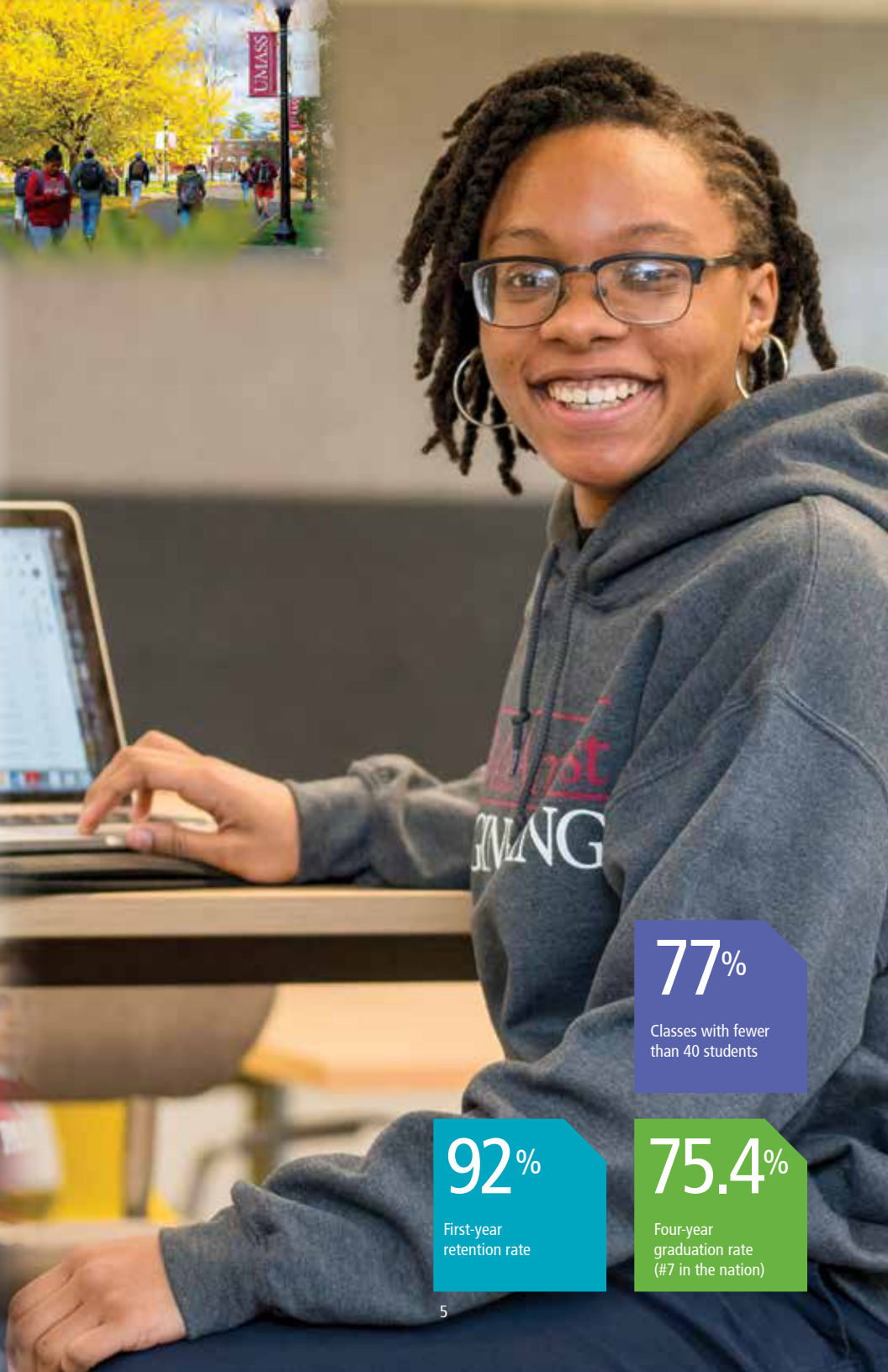
Academics

At UMass Amherst, you'll encounter academic excellence at every turn. We are a world-class research institution and the commonwealth's flagship campus. Comprised of multiple colleges and schools, you can customize your degree by combining majors, minors, and certificates. Interested in pursuing a master's degree? All our academic schools and colleges offer 4+1 accelerated degree options, which allow you to earn a master's in five years. Students enroll in their junior year.

Not sure what to study? It's a big decision and we're here to help. Advisors guide all first-year students, and we wholeheartedly support students in multiple ways throughout their time here.

Our **Commonwealth Honors College** (CHC) stretches students academically and there is no need to apply—all first-year applicants are considered. All UMass students are invited to take classes at any **Five College Consortium** school at no extra cost. Consortium partners include: Amherst College, Hampshire College, Mount Holyoke College, and Smith College, and are easy to reach using the region's free bus system.





77%

Classes with fewer than 40 students

92%

First-year retention rate

75.4%

Four-year graduation rate (#7 in the nation)

Our Faculty

UMass Amherst, the largest public research university in New England, is committed to recruiting the best and brightest academics. With 81 percent of the faculty teaching full time, including seven of the world's most highly cited researchers, students have plenty of access to world-class educators who are also expert thinkers, practitioners, and collaborators.



Student Spotlight

Danish Humayun '26

Dual Degree: Economics and Public Health

One of my favorite classes that I have taken at UMass is SPHHS 150: Great Challenges in Public Health and Health Sciences. This class made me add public health as a secondary major and defined my future career goal, which is to be a physician.





19:1

Student-to-faculty
ratio

6

UMass Amherst faculty
named Fulbright
Scholars in 2024

7

Faculty whose research
is among the most
cited in the world

95%

Of faculty hold the
highest degree in
their field

Colleges & Schools

Bachelor's Degree with Individual Concentration (BDIC)

Create your own course of study. Undergraduates build a degree by selecting courses from across the university's 10 colleges and schools.

College of Education

Delve into education theory, policy, research, and practice through internationally recognized programs that explore all facets of child development. The college has seven research centers and labs.

College of Natural Sciences

Understand the physical world. The largest UMass Amherst college offers 31 majors where students prepare for a career in the sciences, medicine, industry, or agriculture.

College of Social & Behavioral Sciences

Be a thought leader and influence society. This interdisciplinary hub offers 13 majors that combine the sciences and liberal arts in the areas of culture, society, and individual behavior, with a focus on promoting citizenship and global understanding.

Isenberg School of Management

Get ready to navigate a complex business world. Isenberg's seven majors offer a range of academic programs and world-class research in investment and management. Isenberg's lauded bachelor's in business and sport management degrees score high in national rankings.

Manning College of Information & Computer Sciences

Join the next generation of tech innovators. The college's research ranges from security and privacy to artificial intelligence. Ranked No. 16 for public university computer science degrees by *U.S. News & World Report*.

College of Engineering

Explore industrial, research, and leadership opportunities in a multitude of cutting-edge areas. Named among the top 30 public engineering programs in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*, the college offers more than 30 degree programs and certificates.

College of Humanities & Fine Arts

Express yourself and expand your world in a vibrant atmosphere that affirms the critical role of the arts and humanities in a dynamic society. The college offers 38 degrees and operates 12 research centers, institutes, and interdisciplinary programs.

Commonwealth Honors College (CHC)

Challenge yourself to a more rigorous academic life. The CHC offers access to a robust community with unique scholarly opportunities, small class sizes, and increased access to faculty. UMass Admissions considers all first-year applicants.

Elaine Marieb College of Nursing

Combine academic excellence, real-world experience, and world-class instruction into one seminal educational experience that prepares you for a career in healthcare.

School of Public Health & Health Sciences

Turn your compassion into action. Students benefit from both academic work and hands-on training in four degree options, four research centers, and The Body Shop, a gym facility that serves as a teaching lab.

Stockbridge School of Agriculture

Put down roots in the natural world. Located within the College of Natural Sciences, Stockbridge offers nine degree options and takes a contemporary approach to understanding sustainable food and landscapes, soils and the environment, and plant health.

Journey to a Career

The UMass Career Development and Professional Connections Hub is the epicenter of our student career services program. In addition, all schools and colleges work in concert with the Hub to make sure students have plenty of support and guidance. There are so many options for UMass Amherst grads to get a leg up as they transition from commencement to a career.





Student Spotlight

Hunter Edward '26

Major: Operations & Information Management

I think the career services offered at UMass are extremely high value. Our various offices have so many different resources that students have access to, such as professional career coaches, peer advisers, and online resource libraries. Isenberg's Office of Career Success has been more than willing to work with me throughout every stage of my career development process—whether I need someone to brainstorm ideas with, interview prep, resume edits, or advice on which offer to accept!

\$62,645

Typical salary of a 2024 UMass Amherst graduate with a bachelor's degree

87%

Of 2024 UMass grads surveyed are employed in their chosen field

10

Career fairs typically held on campus per semester

Top 10 Industries Employing 2024 UMass Amherst Bachelor's Degree Recipients*



- **15%** Healthcare
- **6.7%** Internet & Software
- **4.4%** Higher Education
- **3.8%** Retail Stores
- **3.8%** Accounting
- **3.3%** Government
- **3%** Financial Services
- **3%** K-12 Education
- **2.8%** Investment/Portfolio Management
- **2.7%** Construction

*From a graduating class of approximately 6,800 students.

Engage the World

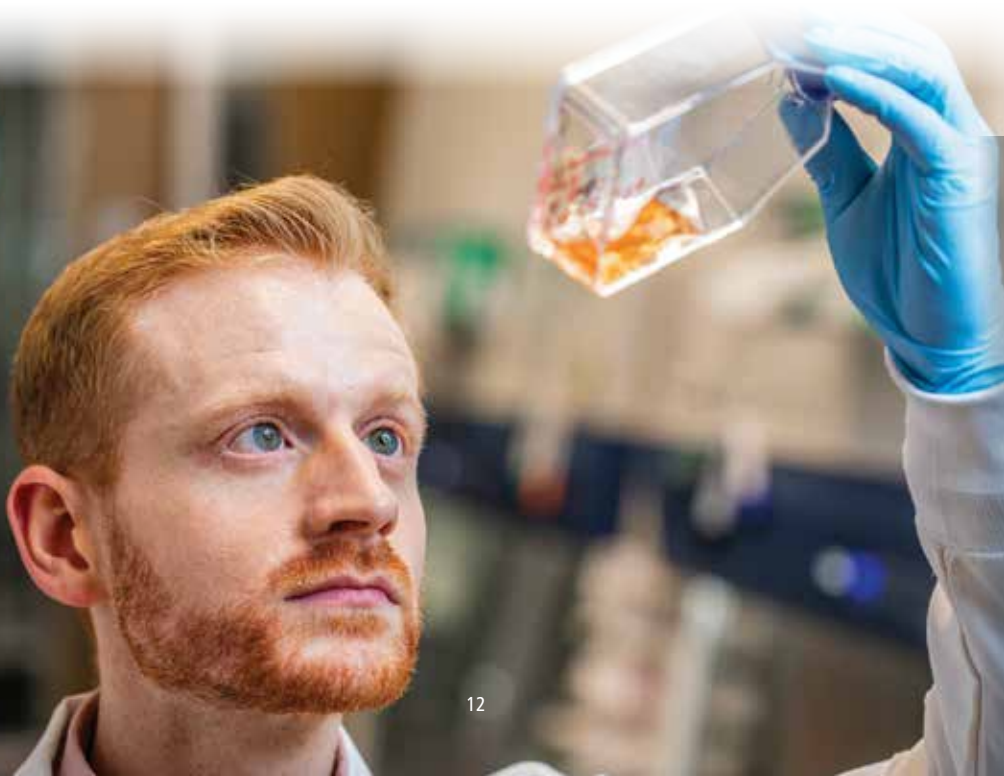
It's clear that students who pursue their academic interests both inside and outside the classroom are more satisfied with their college career. UMass prioritizes offering many classroom, research, and internship opportunities both on and off campus.

Students can choose from hundreds of internships and earn credit in exchange for real-world experience.

We are a bustling research university, and most students have the chance to conduct research with our stellar faculty. And, almost half of all undergraduates will execute a senior project that demonstrates how to address a real-world issue using theoretical concepts.

300,000+

Number of UMass Amherst alumni, many of whom serve as student mentors and volunteers





18

Total internship credits
that can be applied to
your degree

64%

Of students
participate in
internships, co-ops,
or field experience

Alumni Spotlight

Audie Cornish '01

Cornish interned at National Public Radio while majoring in journalism at UMass and later hosted the NPR shows "Weekend Edition" and "All Things Considered." She is currently host of "CNN This Morning."



Explore the Globe

While our UMass Amherst campus is its own exciting universe, we want to help students flourish everywhere.

First-year students can join the **Global Launch Program**, which gathers small cohorts to begin their college career in a great European city: Paris, London, Madrid, or Dublin. For those who prefer to wait, our **Study Abroad** program offers hundreds of options in 56 countries. The UMass Office of Global Affairs guides students all along the way.

If a domestic adventure feels right, the **National Student Exchange** allows students to attend one of 170 colleges or universities located in most U.S. states and three territories. The **Career Launch Program**, based at our Mount Ida campus just west of Boston, gives first-year students the benefits of a big university in a small college setting. Students can even take a semester at another UMass campus with the **UMass Student Exchange**.





1,200

UMass students
studied in 56 countries
in 2025

200

Global education
programs to
select from



Research & Innovation

Our R1 designation, the gold standard for research institutions, acknowledges our work as one of the most research-intensive universities in the country. Never confined to STEM fields, students participate in research across all disciplines. Student participation is key to our success. Here you will have the chance to contribute to exciting discoveries while working with our stellar faculty and networking with industry leaders. The Office of Undergraduate Research & Studies (OURS) has hundreds of listings to chose from.



23

New patents
applications submitted
in 2024

19

Citations per UMass
Amherst academic
publication

Alumni Spotlight

Cady Coleman '91

Coleman earned a Ph.D. in polymer science and engineering at UMass, served as a colonel in the U.S. Air Force, and then became a NASA astronaut, capping her career in 2011 by spending 159 days in space as part of Expedition 27.



Stewardship & Sustainability

At UMass Amherst, we are committed to advancing sustainable practices within all aspects of campus operations while we also study and limit the dangers of climate change. The UMass Carbon Zero project seeks to power the campus with 100 percent renewable resources. Our new Sustainable Engineering Lab, an interdisciplinary hub designed to accelerate clean energy research, opens in the summer of 2026.

UMass supports 400 faculty members engaged in sustainability research across 41 departments and students can select from more than 500 sustainability courses.

100
million

Kilowatt-hours of
electricity generated
annually on campus
using solar and
CHP systems

26

Miles of underground
steam pipe that
delivers heat to
our buildings



top 25

The Princeton
Review's 2025
Green Colleges List



Faculty Spotlight

William Heronemus (1920 – 2002)

Heronemus began teaching ocean engineering at UMass Amherst in 1967 and soon after arriving correctly predicted there would be an energy crisis. For more than three decades Heronemus, considered the father of wind power, fiercely advocated for employing renewable energies on a grand scale, which was the focus of his UMass research. He invented renewable technologies in the wind, solar, and thermal conversion arenas and is most recognized for developing wind generator and wind turbine array systems.





#1

The Princeton Review's Best Campus Food eight years in a row

35

Fraternities and sororities

Student Life

Welcome home to the dynamic UMass Amherst campus. First-year undergraduates are required to live in one of 52 campus residence halls, and each residential area offers a unique vibe.

The Princeton Review has named UMass No.1 for Best Campus Food eight years running and every eater will discover something amazing. Campus buzzes daily with student-led activities and top name music, dance, and comedy performers come to our Mullins and Bromley Fine Arts Centers each semester.

Looking to escape campus for a bit? Downtown Amherst is an easy walk where you'll find great restaurants and shops. There are six live music venues in Amherst and nearby Northampton. And, a free, regional bus system takes you to big national brand stores where you can stock up on your favorite things.





Community & Connection

Whatever your interest, you will find a UMass Amherst community that also loves it. With more than 300 student-run clubs and organizations, intramural and club sport teams, and a robust volunteering network, you can let your curiosity roam and make new friends at every turn.

All UMass Amherst fraternities and sororities are open to full-time undergraduate students. Intramural sports offer plenty of fun without a huge time commitment. And, you'll find many student organizations that celebrate and lift up cultures from near and far.

We strive for inclusion in all our spaces and the university will always support a student's safety as well as their physical and mental health.



700

Members make the UMass Outing Club our largest student organization

5 ★★★★★

in the Campus Pride Index, based on LGBTQ inclusivity

39.1%

Number of students in the Class of 2028 who are African-American, Latino/Hispanic, Asian, Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, or Native American

Athletics & Fitness

UMass Amherst Minutemen and Minutewomen compete in NCAA Division I sports and most teams are part of the Mid-American Conference. Attending a game is a huge part of campus life where you'll find Sam the Minuteman, our mascot, cheering on the players.

There are plenty of ways to keep in shape. We offer club and intramural sports teams, as well as workouts in our recreational facilities. All our fitness centers, pools, fields, and courts are free to undergraduates during the academic year.

Love the outdoors? You can be on a hiking or biking trail in minutes. The Outing Club sponsors hikes, kayaking, and cross-country skiing trips. The Ski and Board Club gets you on the slopes without breaking the bank.





Alumni Spotlight

George Burke '56

National Basketball Association

Marcus Camby '10

National Basketball Association

Liam Coen '08

National Football League

Gary DiSarcina '90

National Basketball Association

Julius Erving '86

National Basketball Association

Danielle Henderson '99

2000 Olympics Softball (gold medal)

James Ihedigbo '06

National Football League (2012 Superbowl Champion)

Heather MacLean '17 & '19

2020 Olympics Women's 1500 Meters

Cale Makar '18

National Hockey League (2022 Stanley Cup)

Rick Pitino '74

National Basketball Association, National Collegiate Athletic Association, Olympic coach

Jonathan Quick, '05 & '06 seasons

National Hockey League & 2010/2014 Olympics
(2010 silver medal)

Briana Scurry '94

Women's National Soccer World Cup 1999) gold medal,
1996 and 2004 Olympics (two gold medals)





Book a Campus Tour

Two tours a day,
Monday through Friday.
Some tours also
include a brief
information session.

Scan the code and
book a tour today.





Location



Airports

Bradley International Airport, Hartford, CT (46 miles)

Logan International Airport, Boston, MA (90 miles)

John F. Kennedy International Airport, New York, NY (150 miles)

La Guardia Airport, New York, NY (158 miles)



Bus service

From UMass campus to Boston
and New York City



Car rental

Zipcar and car rentals from
UMass campus



Train service

From Northampton, 15 minutes from Amherst,
to New York City and Vermont

Nestled in picturesque western Massachusetts, UMass Amherst is neighbors with four other prestigious colleges, making this place one of the smartest corners of New England. Amherst is consistently ranked as one of the country's best college towns.

Love exploring the outdoors? You can be on a hiking or biking trail in minutes and on a ski trail within an hour. Need a dose of the big city? Grab a bus from campus to New York City or Boston. Bradley International in Hartford, Connecticut, is the closest commercial airport, and campus airport shuttle service is available to several locations.

Admissions at a Glance

Fall 2024

50,207

FIRST-YEAR
APPLICATIONS

5,368

STUDENTS IN
FIRST-YEAR
CLASS

3,740

IN-STATE

409

INTERNATIONAL

1,219

OUT-OF-STATE

22,951

UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENTS TOTAL

40%

Of UMass
undergraduates
complete their degree
with no debt

44%

Of first-year students
receive grant
or scholarship
need-based aid

Grades and Test Scores* of
First-Year Undergraduate
Admitted Students

3.93–4.38

Middle 50% GPA
(4.0 scale adjusted)

1300–1480

Middle 50% SAT

29–33

Middle 50% ACT

* UMass Amherst is test optional.
Standardized test ranges only
represent fewer than 30 percent of
applicants who elected to submit
test scores as part of their
application materials for fall 2024.

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Tuition & Financial Aid



In-State Tuition:	\$18,487
Out-of-State Tuition:	\$41,759
Average On-Campus Living Expenses:	\$17,328

UMass Amherst uses the Common Application and standardized tests are optional for first-year undergraduate applicants, although you are welcome to submit your SAT/ACT scores. The university's admissions team is committed to conducting a holistic review process that carefully considers applicants in an individualized context.

RETURN ON INVESTMENT

The Princeton Review has named UMass Amherst one of the nation's top 50 Best Value Colleges in the public schools category. The Review's guide lauded the university for its high return on tuition investment as well as for educator accessibility, campus quality of life, and the school's commitment to sustainability.

FINANCIAL AID

UMass offers need-based financial aid and merit funding to eligible students. For more information on financial aid and a sense of what your actual cost of attendance may be, please visit the Office of Financial Aid Services at umass.edu/umfa.

Application Deadlines

Fall of 2026

NOV 5

Early Action
Application
Deadline

Acceptance
announcements
usually occur in
late January

JAN 15

Regular Decision
Application
Deadline

Acceptance
announcements usually
occur in mid-March

**Get
Connected!**



Spring 2026 application deadline is October 15.



College of Education

Education
Undecided—Education Track

College of Engineering

Biomedical Engineering
Chemical Engineering
Civil Engineering
Computer Engineering
Electrical Engineering
Environmental Engineering
Industrial Engineering
Mechanical Engineering

College of Humanities & Fine Arts

Afro-American Studies
Architecture
Art (BA)
Arts & Design (BFA)
Chinese Language & Literature
Classics
Comparative Literature
Computational Linguistics
Dance (BA, BFA)
English
Film Studies
French & Francophone Studies
German & Scandinavian Studies
History
History of Art & Architecture
Italian Studies
Japanese Language & Literature
Judaic Studies
Linguistics
Middle Eastern Studies
Music (BA, BMUS)
Philosophy
Portuguese
Russian & East European Studies
Spanish
Theater
Undecided—Humanities
& Fine Arts Track
Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies

College of Natural Sciences

Animal Science
Animal Science (Pre-Vet)
Applied Plant & Soil Sciences
Arboriculture & Community Forest
Management (AS)
Astronomy
Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
Biology
Building & Construction Technology
Chemistry
Earth Systems
Environmental Science
Food Science
Geography
Geology
Horticultural Science (AS)
Landscape Contracting (AS)
Mathematics
Microbiology
Natural Resources Conservation
Neuroscience
Physics
Psychology
Statistics & Data Science
Sustainable Food & Farming (AS, BS)
Turfgrass Science & Management (AS)
Undecided—Natural Sciences Track
Veterinary Technology

College of Social & Behavioral Sciences

Anthropology
Communication
Economics
Environmental & Natural Resource
Economics
Journalism
Landscape Architecture
Legal Studies
Managerial Economics
Political Science
Public Policy
Social Thought & Political Economy
Sociology

Sustainable Community Development
Undecided—Social & Behavioral
Sciences Track

Elaine Marieb College of Nursing

Nursing

Interdisciplinary
Bachelor's Degree with Individual
Concentration (BDIC)
Undecided—Interdisciplinary Track

Isenberg School of Management

Accounting
Finance
Hospitality & Tourism Management
Management
Marketing
Operations & Information
Management
Sport Management
Undecided – Business Track

Manning College of Information & Computer Science

Computer Science (BA,BS)
Informatics

School of Public Health & Health Sciences

Kinesiology
Nutrition
Public Health Sciences
Speech, Language,
& Hearing Sciences
Undecided—Public Health
& Health Sciences Track