University *of* Massachusetts
Amherst

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READY, SET, APPLY!

FILLING OUT THE COMMON APPLICATION

The Common Application is an online platform that allows prospective college applicants to apply to several different schools. Completing the Common Application should be a fun and exciting step in your college search process. We created a quick overview to help you get started on your application with a UMass Amherst spin.

LET'S START AT THE BEGINNING!

Step 1. Visit the Common App website (commonapp.org) and click on "Create an Account."

Step 2. Add all your personal information and complete this section. We recommend providing a non-school email address that you use, and check often because we will be in touch with important information.

Step 3. In the "College Search" tab, search for **University of Massachusetts Amherst**.

Step 4. Add UMass Amherst to your list of colleges!

COMMON APP SECTIONS

Profile
This section collects all your personal information for your student profile. This includes your home address, contact information, your family background, date of birth, any additional languages spoken at home, and if you'd like to request an application fee waiver.

Family
Here you will add all your household information. This includes information about your parent(s)/guardian(s) and siblings (if applicable).

Education
This is where you will add all the information about your current/most recent high school and your school counselor information.

Courses and Grades
Here, you will be able to enter information about dual enrollment and the classes you are currently taking during your senior year.*

Writing
We really enjoy this section because this is where you tell us your story! There are a few questions you will be able to choose from to write your best essay. Take advantage of this section and let us know anything we need to know that the rest of the application hasn't already shared.

Activities
Tell us everything you are doing outside of the classroom. This is a great section for us to learn more about the activities you are involved in and that are important to you. No activities are too small!*

Testing
UMass Amherst is test-optional, so you are not required to submit your scores in this section. An admissions counselor or your high school counselor can advise you on whether submitting your scores is a good idea. If submitting test scores, you must send the official scores from the testing agency.

*Courses and Grades Pro Tip:
Ask your school counselor for a copy of your transcript so you can have it handy to complete this section.

*Activities Pro Tip:
Write out the full name of the organization, club, or anything you are a part of. We love details! Be as specific as possible with your descriptions.

UMASS AMHERST SECTIONS

General
These sections are all UMass Amherst-specific. Here you will tell us if you are applying for the Early Action deadline (November 5) or the Regular Decision deadline (January 15). There's no advantage or disadvantage in your admission decision by applying for one date or another.

Academics
In this section, you will choose the major(s) you want to be considered for admission. You will also let us know why you selected the major(s) you did. If you're undecided, that's completely okay! Simply select the Exploratory Track from one of the schools/colleges.

Pro Tip: Reach out to your admissions counselor if you have ANY questions about your major(s).

Activities
If you have a résumé ready to share, upload it! In this section, you will also be able to select if you're interested in the UMass Amherst Marching Band, Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC), and/or community service.

Contact Information
Add the best way to reach you if we have any updates or questions about your application.

Family
Here you will let us know about your parent(s)/guardian(s) and siblings.

Residency
In this section, you will enter your in-state or out-of-state residency information, as well as residency information for your parent(s)/guardian(s).

Pro Tip: If possible, include your parent(s)/guardian(s) in the process so they can help you answer this section.

UMass Custom Questions
Here you will answer a couple of questions specific to UMass Amherst. You have 100 words maximum, so remember to be concise.

Pro Tip: Have someone else check all your answers. Proofreading will help fix typos before submitting your application!

Review and Submit
Check your dashboard to confirm the status of your application and if you are missing any information. You will review each section and then finally be able to submit your application to UMass Amherst! Check your email for your confirmation after you submit your application.

Pro Tip: You will receive an email confirmation. If you didn't receive it, then go back into your account and make sure you click the submit button!

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