

UMassAmherst | Student Success

Dear Transfer Student,

Welcome to the spring semester, and to our new transfer students: Welcome to UMass - we are glad you're here! [Undergraduate Student Success](#) and Student Transitions jointly create a monthly transfer student newsletter to keep you in the know about important opportunities, details that make UMass a smoother ride, and success strategies tailored for transfer students.

Resources for Creating your Community

Use the start of your semester to discover some of the unique opportunities for connection on campus:

Success Toolkit series:

Start your semester off with interactive learning sessions on time management & prioritization, becoming an active learner, or exploring opportunities beyond your first year.

Advocacy, Inclusion & Support Programs:

Finding your community at UMass might start with any one of these support resources on campus, like the Stonewall Center for LGBTQ+ students and allies or the Veteran Student Resource Center.

Registered Student Organizations (RSO):

Browse more than 600 RSOs on campus, read more about any specific organization, and [check out upcoming RSO events](#).

Start exploring your greater Amherst community using the [PVRTA bus system](#). Rides around town and across the Pioneer Valley are free with your UCard!

January Reflections

- What are three tangible and achievable goals you have for spring semester?
Examples: Connecting with your RA or Peer Mentor, attending a guest lecture, exploring the library
- What are two or three actionable steps you can take to care for yourself and your wellbeing this spring semester?
Examples: Reading through the Rec Center website to see if anything looks interesting to you, scheduling time each week to explore a new part of campus, looking at the Center for Counseling and Psychological Health services
- What are you most looking forward to this semester?

Do you have your Student Success planner yet? Stop by Goodell 613 or the Off-Campus Student Center to receive one, or access a [fillable online planner here](#).

Upcoming Events

#40DaysofUMass Starting Sunday, January 19

- 40 days, seven recurring themes, endless opportunities for discovery -- get to know your UMass in the first 40 days of your Spring 2020 semester.

Winter Welcome Tuesday, January 21, 5:30 p.m., Campus Center Auditorium

- Taco-bout a welcome! Enjoy a free taco bar and connect with new and returning students, university staff, and student leaders as they welcome you to UMass. Open only to new students entering in January 2020

Resource Expo Thursday, January 23, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m., Campus Center Auditorium

- Come pick up free giveaways and chat with university departments about campus resources and opportunities. Open to all new and returning students

Tip from Smart About Money

There's no better moment than the start of your semester to begin tracking -- and maximizing -- your finances. Smart About Money provides personal finance education to help you practice wise financial decision-making at UMass and beyond.

To book a coaching appointment with a peer financial educator, visit <https://www.umass.edu/smart-about-money/peer-financial-coaching>.

Looking for a way to earn money on campus? Check out the [UMass Student Job Board!](#)

We'd love to hear from you! Let us know what you're curious about and up to, and how we can be of help. Email us at studentsuccess@umass.edu.

All best,
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