

# FIRST-YEAR APPLICANTS

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

**First-Year  
Early Action**  
November 5

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

University of  
Massachusetts  
Amherst

UMass Amherst only uses the Common Application. Students must apply online (see [commonapp.org](https://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. Be sure to go to 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. Shortly after your application is processed, you’ll receive an email and pin number 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 processing of your financial aid award.

**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. 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. You can also apply for Exploratory Track (undecided) if you want to explore your options

**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 for each spring and fall term through fall 2023. Learn more at [umass.edu/admissions/testoptional-policy](https://umass.edu/admissions/testoptional-policy).

If you do choose to submit test scores, they must be sent electronically by the testing agency. 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

Starting in this undecided program offered in several options allows students to explore their academic options and interests before selecting a major. 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

#### ART

Art applicants must submit an online application for admission and portfolio directly to the Art Department via Slide Room at the time of application. For more information about portfolio submissions visit [umass.edu/art](https://umass.edu/art).

#### ARCHITECTURE

Architecture applicants must submit an online application for admission and portfolio directly to the Department of Architecture via Slide Room at the time of admission. For information about portfolio submissions, visit: [umass.edu/architecture](https://umass.edu/architecture).

#### MUSIC AND DANCE

Music and Dance applicants must submit an online application for admission. For Music majors an additional audition is also required. For more information and to arrange your audition, visit [umass.edu/music/music-admissions-undergraduate](https://umass.edu/music/music-admissions-undergraduate). For Dance majors, visit [umass.edu/music/undergrad-admissions-dance](https://umass.edu/music/undergrad-admissions-dance) for information on either your online creative submission or audition requirements.

### 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.

## 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](https://umass.edu/admissions/pre-professional).

### HIGHLY SELECTIVE MAJORS

These highly selective majors include business, computer science, engineering, nursing, and sport management. Nursing admission is restricted to first-year students and transfers from other majors or schools are not considered.

For more information on specific requirements for majors and highly selective majors, please visit our website at the QR code below.



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For more information on majors, visit [umass.edu/academics/undergraduate](https://umass.edu/academics/undergraduate)