

TOP 10
REASONS
TO CHOOSE
UMASS
BOSTON
HEAR
WHAT OUR
STUDENTS
HAVE TO SAY.



YOU'RE IN!



Congratulations on your admission to Boston's public research university!

I am proud that you are on the road to joining our amazing student body.

You're here at a very exciting time for the University of Massachusetts Boston.

We're celebrating the opening of two new academic buildings: University Hall and the Integrated Sciences Complex. We are also expanding our academic programs to create new majors and internship opportunities, and we are growing our research enterprise.

At UMass Boston you'll serve as a co-discoverer of knowledge with our renowned faculty and collaborate with your fellow students on cutting-edge scholarship with real-world effects.

I hope that you'll make the most of your time on our beautiful waterfront campus, academically, socially, and professionally. There are so many opportunities here for you to shine. I look forward to seeing what you will accomplish at UMass Boston.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. Keith Motley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

J. Keith Motley, PhD
Chancellor







UMass Boston is located on a peninsula overlooking Boston Harbor, just minutes from downtown Boston.

Hear what our students have to say...



1. LOCATION

“I HAVE ALWAYS WANTED TO LIVE IN BOSTON. IT IS A VIBRANT CITY THAT OFFERS A LOT OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS.”

Minutes to:

- Fenway Park and TD Garden
- Museum of Fine Arts and The Museum of Science
- Faneuil Hall and Government Center
- Logan Airport
- Back Bay, North End and Chinatown
- Boston Common and The Freedom Trail



NURCIN CELEBI

Hometown: Worcester, MA
Major: Psychology, BA/MBA 5-year program
College of Liberal Arts; Honors College

2. AN EXCEPTIONAL VALUE

“I’M GETTING
A GREAT
EDUCATION
AT A GREAT
VALUE.
I COULDN’T
BE HAPPIER
TO BE HERE.”

Tuition and Fees

UMass Boston remains one of the best values available in higher education.

MA resident	\$13,435
Non-resident	\$32,023
International student	\$32,343
NERSP Tuition Break	\$24,836

UMass Boston is committed to keeping a college education affordable and accessible. You can earn a bachelor’s degree here for a fraction of the cost of most other colleges and universities in Boston.

(Figures are based on tuition plus mandatory fees for 2016-17. Housing, books, supplies and transportation are not included.)



CHANTELLE TAYLOR

Hometown: Las Vegas, NV
Major: Management, Minor in Dance
College of Management; Honors College

3. FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

“THANKS TO THE GENEROUS FINANCIAL AID AND MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS UMASS BOSTON PROVIDED, I HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE THE FIRST IN MY FAMILY TO GO TO COLLEGE. IT IS A DREAM COME TRUE.”

150+ MILLION

In financial aid and scholarships given to students every year

7 MILLION

In merit-based scholarships awarded annually

90%

UMass Boston makes offers to meet 90% of the in-state undergraduate demonstrated financial need



GEORGES LAURENT

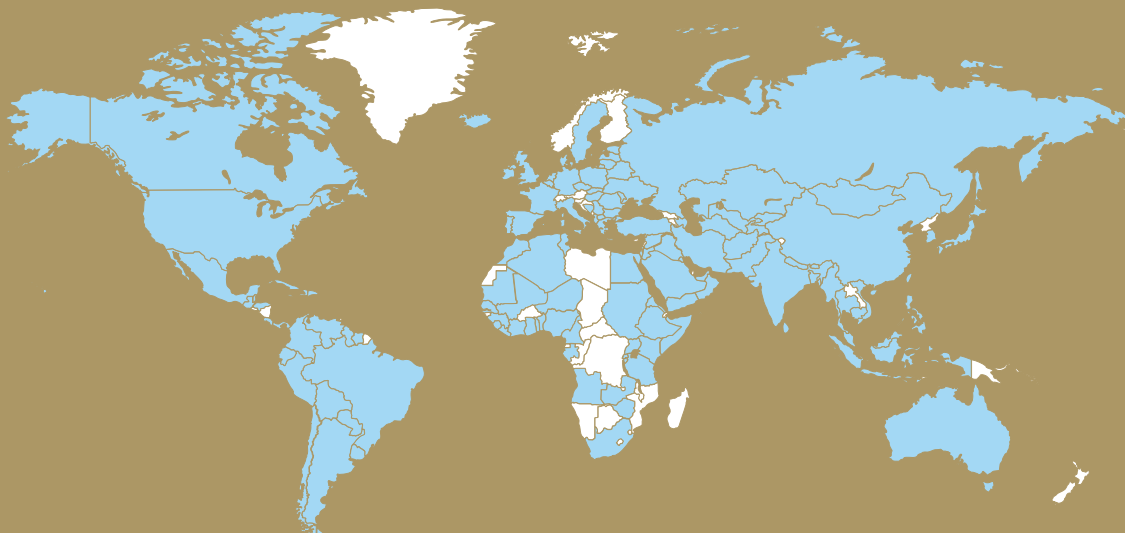
Hometown: Somerville, MA

Major: Communication

College of Liberal Arts

4. DIVERSITY

“UMASS BOSTON PROVIDES THE UNIQUE EXPERIENCE OF TAKING CLASSES WITH PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD.”



 More than 150 countries represented in our undergraduate student body



LYDIA GRASSO

Hometown: Methuen, MA

Major: Sociology, Minor in Human Rights
College of Liberal Arts; Honors College

5. RESEARCH

“WE HAVE OPPORTUNITIES
IN MANY FIELDS! I HAVE
WORKED IN TWO
DIFFERENT LABS,
ALONGSIDE PROFESSORS,
DOING DRUG DISCOVERY
AND SALT MARSH
BACTERIAL ECOLOGY.”

Our 11 Colleges and Schools

- College of Advancing and Professional Studies
- College of Education and Human Development
- College of Liberal Arts
- College of Management
- College of Nursing and Health Sciences
- College of Public and Community Service
- College of Science and Mathematics
- Honors College
- McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies
- School for Global Inclusion and Social Development
- School for the Environment

Learn more about the research being done at UMass Boston at www.umb.edu/research



JOSH PABLO AGUIRRE

Hometown: Quito, Ecuador

Major: Biology

College of Science and Mathematics; Honors College

6. STUDENT LIFE

“I’VE MADE GREAT FRIENDS AND GIVEN BACK TO THE UMASS AND GREATER BOSTON COMMUNITIES THROUGH MY INVOLVEMENT IN STUDENT GOVERNMENT AND ‘STRONG WOMEN STRONG GIRLS’ ORGANIZATION.”

Dining on Campus

- Eight dining locations on campus
- Offer a broad range of choices, including Starbucks, The Noodle Shop, Burger King, and vegan and gluten-free options
- The SoGo Cash Card is just as good as cash in any of the university’s restaurants and cafes

Public Safety

The Department of Public Safety is committed to creating and maintaining a safe and secure environment for the university community. UMass Boston police officers are on duty 24 hours a day, all year long. www.umb.edu/public_safety

Get Involved

More than 100 student organizations sponsor activities, events, and trips on and off the campus.

Housing

The Office of Student Housing can help you find compatible roommates and a place to call home. Many students live in housing communities adjacent to campus.

Ross Center for Disability Services

If you had an IEP or 504 Plan in high school, or have questions about receiving accommodations, schedule an appointment with the Ross Center to learn more. www.rosscenter.umb.edu



FAKISHA FABRE

Hometown: Milton, MA

Major: English, Concentration in Professional &
New Media Writing, Minor in Political Science
College of Liberal Arts; Honors College



7. STUDY ABROAD

“THROUGH AN EXCHANGE PROGRAM I BECAME THE FIRST AMERICAN TO ATTEND THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES UNIVERSITY.”





DAVID MANNING

Hometown: West Bridgewater, MA

Major: Political Science

College of Liberal Arts

8. INTERNSHIPS

“AFTER MY INTERNSHIP AT ERNST & YOUNG THIS PAST SUMMER I WAS OFFERED A FULL-TIME POSITION TO JOIN THEIR RISK ADVISORY PRACTICE. I WOULD NEVER HAVE HAD THIS OPPORTUNITY HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR UMASS BOSTON.”

Each year, more than 400 companies recruit on campus, and many offer internships. UMass Boston shares the peninsula with the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate and the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum. Just imagine an internship with one of these organizations, a Fortune 500 company, or one of the companies listed below:

- AmeriCorps
- Apple
- Biogen
- BNY Mellon
- City Year Boston
- EMC Corporation
- Ernst & Young
- Federal Reserve Bank of Boston
- Fidelity Investments
- Genzyme Corporation
- Harvard Pilgrim Health Care
- John Hancock
- KPMG
- MEDITECH
- Merck
- Peace Corps
- Prudential
- Sovereign Bank
- State Street Corporation
- U.S. Department of State
- Zoo New England



OLGER HOXHA

Hometown: Beverly, MA

Major: Management

College of Management; Honors College

9. ACADEMICS

“I LOVE
UMASS BOSTON’S
SMALL CLASSES
AND THE
PERSONAL
ATTENTION
I GET FROM MY
PROFESSORS.”

Academic Advising

Your academic success is our top priority. Staff from the University Advising Center and your college will advise you during orientation to help you start on track, and we'll be available throughout your college career to help you stay on track.

www.umb.edu/academics/vpass/uac

Learning Communities

Joining a learning community is optional but highly recommended. Learning communities are small, supportive groups of students, within the larger university setting, who have similar academic interests and goals. They are a great way to transition to college life.

Learn more about how to join a learning community at Beacon Beginnings: New Student Orientation.

Honors College

If you thrive on intellectual challenge, the Honors College may be right for you. You'll study with like-minded peers and exceptional scholars and researchers. You'll take enriched, in many cases interdisciplinary, courses that venture deeply into theory and application, and you'll draw upon guest experts and other off-campus resources. If you were not offered entrance already, you may apply to the Honors College after attaining a qualifying academic standing at the university.

www.umb.edu/honors



LATIFA PINA

Hometown: Cape Verde

Major: Biology

Minors: Psychology, Chemistry

College of Science and Mathematics

10. ATHLETICS

“BEING PART OF THE MEN’S HOCKEY TEAM IS A TREMENDOUS HONOR, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE WON THE FROZEN FOUR. THAT WAS INCREDIBLE!”





ALBEE DALEY

Hometown: Averill Park, NY
Major: Exercise and Health Sciences
College of Nursing and Health Sciences



A Checklist of Important Next Steps



Apply for Financial Aid



File your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) before the March 1 priority deadline. The sooner you complete your application, the earlier UMass Boston can notify you of your family's eligibility for financial aid.

Go to <https://fafsa.ed.gov> and use UMass Boston's school code: 002222. Learn more at www.umb.edu/finaid.



Attend Welcome Day for Accepted Students



Students admitted Early Action should consider attending the February Welcome Day.

Sign up for Welcome Day at www.umb.edu/welcome.



Submit Your New Student Deposit



As soon as you have made your decision to attend UMass Boston, submit your \$200 deposit at www.umb.edu/deposit.

May 1 is the final deadline.



Activate Your Student Accounts



You will receive an email with your official UMass Boston email address soon after you pay your deposit. You will also receive instructions for accessing WISER, our password-protected self-service system that you will use during orientation to register for your courses.



Take Your Placement Tests



Complete the writing assessment and a math placement test. Use your spring vacation to get these done so you can register for the appropriate-level classes.

We recommend completing testing by June 1.

For information, go to www.umb.edu/testing.



Sign Up for Beacon Beginnings: New Student Orientation



At our mandatory two-day summer orientation in June, July, or August, you'll meet with academic advisors, register for courses, and meet fellow class of 2021 UMass Boston students!

A one-day Beacon Beginnings: Family Orientation program is available and runs concurrently with the first day of the New Student Orientation.

Learn more and sign up for orientation at **www.umb.edu/orientation**.



Obtain Housing



Many UMass Boston students live in popular housing communities just steps from the campus. The Office of Student Housing offers hundreds of apartment listings and advice on finding a comfortable living situation.

Find roommates and apartments at **www.umb.edu/housing**.



Learn About Our Payment Plan



Learn more and set up your payment plan at **www.umb.edu/bursar/payment_information**.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Important dates and deadlines are listed on the official academic calendar at www.umb.edu/calendar.

FACEBOOK

Meet other new students at

www.facebook.com/umassboston.

It's a great way to make friends and find roommates!

QUICK CONTACTS

BEACON BEGINNINGS: NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Email: orientation@umb.edu

Phone: 617.287.5813

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

Email: undergrad.admissions@umb.edu

Phone: 617.287.6100

FINANCIAL AID

Email: finaid@umb.edu

Phone: 617.287.6300

BURSAR (BILLING OFFICE)

Email: bursar@umb.edu

Phone: 617.287.5350

PUBLIC SAFETY

Phone: 617.287.7799 for all routine business and requests

For emergencies: 911 from any campus phone

617.287.1212 from an outside phone

STUDENT HOUSING

Email: osh@umb.edu

Phone: 617.287.6011

GETTING TO CAMPUS

Find maps and directions to help you reach us by plane, train, and automobile at

www.umb.edu/gettinghere.

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