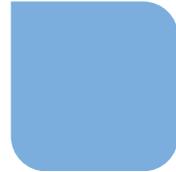


WELCOME!



University of Massachusetts Boston

Spring 2024 Self-Guided Campus Tour
Office of Undergraduate Admissions



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To our Visitors:

Welcome to the University of Massachusetts Boston! Whether you are local to the Boston area, or are visiting us from another city, state, or country, we thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to visit our campus and learn more about what it's like to be a UMass Boston Beacon.

More than 340,000 students call Boston home, and you can too. Just minutes away from downtown, UMass Boston offers you the best of both worlds: a vibrant social and academic life on our 120-acre campus, and the rich history and culture of Boston. Enjoy the Boston Harbor, Fenway Park, the Freedom Trail, Faneuil Hall, Cambridge, the Seaport District, the North End, Back Bay, and all the other famed Boston sites. Use your student ID for discounts on public transportation, museums, sporting events, and entertainment throughout the city. Be part of the most diverse public research university in all of beautiful New England.

UMass Boston is the city's only public research university, where students are co-discoverers of knowledge and conduct innovative research with leading scholars. As a student here you can enjoy:

- A student-faculty ratio of 17:1 (average class size = 28 students)
- 80+ majors and minors to explore
- \$63+ million received in research funding
- Interacting with students from 43 states and more than 136 countries
- Diversity: 66% of our students are BIPOC identifying, and 52% speak 2 or more languages

This is an exciting time to be a student at UMass Boston. We are now a residential campus! The addition of two residence halls – East and West – have added 1,000+ beds on campus for first-year students. We are also in the process of constructing our brand-new campus green space and central Quad. Dining Services has also been busy, adding a brand new 7-station all-you-can-eat dining hall on the 1st floor of the East Residence Hall, a Dunkin Donuts on the Upper Level of the Campus Center, and new meal plan options for students living on campus. Moreover, the university has opened its new parking garage, which has added 1,400 parking spots on campus. You may have also noticed our beautiful new lawn, located outside of the Campus Center. This space will be used to host a number of different events on campus throughout the school year.

This guide has been designed to help you navigate our beautiful waterfront campus. We hope this will help you to learn more about our campus and all that it has to offer to our prospective students. Please do not hesitate to stop by or call the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at 617.287.6100 if you have any questions during your time on campus or at any point in the future.

Go Beacons!

Sincerely,
The Office of Undergraduate Admissions

CAMPUS CENTER



Opened in 2004; The UMass Boston Campus Center serves as the “living room” of the university. With its floor-to-ceiling windows, comfortable lounges, and stunning views of the Boston Harbor, it serves as the home to student services, student life, and many events that help to build and encourage community interaction on campus.

This is often a favorite spot for students because this is where they can take a break from studying and just relax, or have some fun. Please see the offices and services that are housed here below:

- **Upper Level (ground floor):** Undergraduate Admissions, University Bookstore, Campus Center Services, Disability Services (Ross Center), Dunkin Donuts, Game Room, Information Desk, One Stop Student Services Center, Testing Center. Recycling & Sustainability
- **1st Floor:** Academic Support Programs, Advising Center, Career Services, Dining Commons, Student Support Services Program, Undergraduate Studies, Writing Proficiency Office
- **2nd Floor:** Campus Kitchens, Global Programs/Study Abroad, Jumpstart Program, Leadership & Community Engagement, Orientation/New Student Programs, U-ACCESS, University Dining Club
- **3rd Floor:** Graduate Student Assembly, Student Activities, Mass Media (Student Newspaper), Student Arts & Events Council, Student Centers, Student Government (Student Senate & Student Trustees)
- **4th Floor:** Enrollment Management (Vice Chancellor’s office), Financial Aid, Merit Scholarships, Bursar’s Office, Dean of Students, Student Employment, Veterans Affairs

UNIVERSITY HALL



- Opened in 2016; University Hall is the newest academic building on campus and serves as a melting pot of students, faculty, and staff members from multiple disciplines, including Art, Chemistry, and Performing Arts.
- Regardless of major, you could have a class here as the building features a 500-seat auditorium, state-of-the-art classrooms, art studios, chemistry labs/lockers, Performing Arts Department (+ recital hall), and offices and public areas (computers and print stations).
- Many of our Performing Arts undergraduate programs – Theatre Arts (BA), Music (BA), and Dance (minor) host their programming here. The department coordinates plays, studio courses in guitar and modern dance, the Chamber Orchestra, the University Chorus, and the Jazz Ensemble.
- A student favorite of UHall is the Beacon Café located on the 2nd floor that offers a salad bar, an Asian fusion station, and grill.
- The building earned a LEED Gold Certification in 2017.

CAMPUS TRANSFORMATION & PUMPHOUSE

As you may have noticed, there is a lot of construction happening on our campus right now! UMass Boston has invested \$750 million dollars into transforming the campus as part of our 25-year Master Plan.



- As a student here you will get the benefits of two new academic buildings (UHall and ISC) that opened over the past few years, including our residence halls that opened in fall 2018. This also involves the renovations of our current academic buildings, including the new Center for Clinical Education and Research for hands-on clinical practice for our nursing students.
- A few other additions to our neighborhood include the Bayside Project, formerly the Bayside Expo Center, which will be used as a mixed-use urban innovation campus.
- UMB's campus is also getting a new quad as a part of the Substructure, Science Center, Pool Building and Plaza Demolition and Quadrangle Development or (SDQD) project. This project will address issues in the original campus construction by demolishing our old Science Center and Pool.
- The SDQD project will move the campus away from its original inward-facing layout, and in its place will be a new landscaped quadrangle providing a campus gathering space with buildings well-connected to the landscape, the waterfront, and the surrounding communities. The project will also establish a new parking lot to replace campus parking from the Bayside Lot.
- The Calf Pasture Pumping Station is what remains of the first comprehensive sewerage project in Boston, completed in 1884. The Calf Pasture Pumping Station was an essential piece of this industrious new sewerage system, and played a vital role in improving public health in the late 19th century Boston.
- The pumphouse is currently on the National Register of Historic Places and UMBoston is hoping to develop the inside of the building so that it can become a future academic or administrative building on campus in the future.

ON-CAMPUS HOUSING



Our East and West Residence Halls – opened summer 2018; house about 1,000+ students. The residence halls are predominantly for freshmen students, although some UMB sophomore and transfer students live there as well.

- The 1st floor of each building features the front desk, laundry facilities (card and coin-operated washers and dryers), and student mailboxes. Students use their student ID card to access the building, and a key fob to access the door to their room.
- There are several floorplans available to choose from in each building, including doubles, triples, and quads. Some floorplans offer private bathrooms; however, community-style bathrooms are available on each floor of the buildings for students to use. Each floor in the building is co-ed.
- Students have the option to choose their own roommates and rooms. Typically, our students will connect with each other during orientation or on social media. They can then log into their housing portal to choose their assignments. Housing will assign you based on your room preferences if you need assistance. Students can request specific people to be their roommates, or use the “Please Don’t Snore” roommate matching system online to find a random roommate.
- More information about the residence halls – including floorplans and pricing – can be found on Housing’s website (www.umb.edu/housing).

Sample Room (Double Floorplan w/ Private Bathroom)



For more information about floorplans/pricing and amenities, visit www.umb.edu/housing



New Dining Commons

- Opened summer 2018; all-you-can-eat dining hall; 7 different food stations to choose from; features a grab-and-go section called UMarket.
- Meal plans are required for all students living in the residence halls, and are optional for all other students.
- Students living on campus can choose between two meal plans – A and B. One plan offers more meals per week that can only be used at our new hall throughout the semester, where the second plan offers more dining points that can be used like cash at any of our other dining locations on campus.
- Students living off campus have the option to purchase a resident meal plan or one of two commuter meal plans.



OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING



**Harbor Point
Apartments**



**Peninsula
Apartments**



The Office of Off-Campus Housing is available to help students locate off-campus apartments near campus and in the Boston metro area. We have a collaborative webpage with [apartments.com](https://www.apartments.com).

They can also establish a roommate profile.

- The closest off-campus housing options are the Harbor Point and Peninsula apartments and are right across the street!
- The Off-Campus Housing website has a lot of great resources for students to check out to help them with their off-campus apartment search.
- Peninsula Apartments: www.peninsula-apts.com
- Harbor Point Apartments: www.harborpointonthebay.com

ATHLETICS



UMB is an NCAA Division III school with 19 different teams and is part of the Little East Conference (LEC) and New England Hockey Conference (NEHC).

- Men's sports include Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer, Tennis, and Track & Field.
- Women's sports include Basketball, Cross Country, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Track & Field, and Volleyball.
- The Clark Athletic Center houses the university's basketball/volleyball courts and ice-skating rink. This building is primarily used by student athletes; however, "open gym" times are held throughout the academic year. During these times, all students can access the facilities in this building free of charge.
- Monan Park is our NCAA-approved competition stadium with the exact field dimensions of Fenway Park. The stadium seats 500 people.
- The softball stadium serves as the home field for the UMB softball team during the fall and spring semesters, and as a community resource during the off season

WEST PARKING GARAGE



- Students can purchase a parking pass for the entire school year, each semester, or pay for parking by the day. The current parking rates for yearly, semester, and daily parking on campus can be found on the transportation office's website.
- Students who do not have a car can utilize public transportation and the UMB shuttles to get to and from class. The MBTA red line JFK/UMass stop is located within close proximity to campus.
- Discounted semester MBTA passes are available for students to purchase from the transportation office, and there is no charge to ride the shuttle buses around campus.

For more information about parking and transportation on campus, visit www.umb.edu/the_university/getting_here/parking

INTEGRATED SCIENCES COMPLEX (ISC)



Opened 2015; the ISC features research lab and support space for programs such as Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Sciences, Physics, and Psychology

- This space also houses the interdisciplinary undergraduate sandbox teaching lab; infant cognition lab, and a new research center on campus – the Center for Personalized Cancer Therapy (CPCT).
- The CPCT is a collaborative partnership between UMB and the Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center (DF/HCC). The CPCT research team helps investigators and clinicians analyze samples,
- identify genetic variants contributing to disease risk, and reveal the complex mechanisms involved in human diseases.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

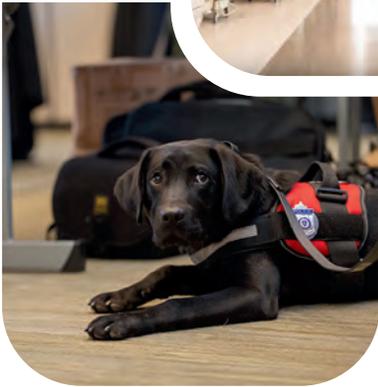


HarborWalk



- Students can take advantage of free Harbor Cruises and waterfront recreation with their student ID's at the Fox Point Boat Landing and the UMB waterfront recreation program provides free use of boats all summer long for students, as well as free sailing and kayaking.
- The HarborWalk connects South Boston to the Seaport area of downtown Boston. An 800-foot section of the HarborWalk is located on UMB's campus between the JFK Library and Museum and the Harbor Point apartments. It is also about 10 minute walk from campus including Carson Beach and M Street Beach.

QUINN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING



The Quinn Administration Building houses a majority of our administrative offices on campus.

- This includes Administration and Finance, Alumni Relations, Athletics, Chancellor's Office, Communications, Community Relations, Health Services, Go Kids Boston, HR, IT, Diversity and Inclusion, Institutional Research, Marketing and Creative Services, Provost's Office, Research and Sponsored Programs, Special Events, Transportation Services, University Advancement, and the University Police Department.
- One of the main features of the Quinn Administration building is our newly remodeled Center for Clinical Education and Research (CCER). The CCER houses our Nursing labs, Exercise and Health Sciences labs, simulation labs, examination rooms, and computer labs for CNHS students. The CCER serves students through individualized academic and social support and provides them with hands-on learning opportunities before receiving their clinical placements.
- The University Police Department helps to keep students safe on campus. On-campus safety measures include emergency call boxes (used for both safety and medical emergencies), the RAVE safety app for emergency notifications (both safety and weather-related), and card access for various campus buildings and the residence halls.
- The University Police Department now has a Community Resource Dog, K-9 Beacon!

HEALEY LIBRARY



- Healey is the tallest building on campus standing at 12 stories.
- The building houses classrooms and parts of the Office of Information Technology.
- There are several study spaces that feature many couches and tables that overlook the Boston Harbor, along with designated quiet study areas and group study space. Students can also take advantage of free tutoring should they need it, located in Healey.

MCCORMACK HALL



- McCormack Hall is home to several academic departments on campus as well as the Interfaith Campus Ministry, the Institute for Learning and Teaching, and the Beacon Fitness Center.
- The Institute for Learning and Teaching – part of the College of Education – carries out the university’s commitment to public service in Boston’s urban communities. It specializes in university, school, and community-based collaborations, with a particular emphasis on urban education and multicultural concerns.
- The Beacon Fitness Center is free for all current students to use and offers state-of-the-art fitness equipment, group fitness classes, and personal training for students. Intramural sports are also available for students to participate in throughout the academic year.

WHEATLEY HALL



- Wheatley Hall is home to several academic departments on campus, and possibly one of the coolest features, the Venture Development Center (VDC), a major hub for entrepreneurship on campus.
- The VDC is UMB's start-up business incubator for emerging technology and life sciences companies seeking strategic growth opportunities. Opened in 2009, the VDC offers state-of-the-art facilities and there are currently 27 companies in residence at the VDC.

Thank you for visiting!

We hope to see you back on campus again soon!

Please contact us with any questions you may have:



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