



University of Massachusetts – Amherst



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U.S. News Ranking: National Universities, 98

School Type: Public
Year Founded: 1863

Undergraduate Students: 18,966
Total international students: 232 (1%)

Application deadline: January 15 (Fall)

TOEFL may be submitted in place of SAT or ACT: No

Minimum TOEFL score required: 550 (paper), 213 (computer)

Average TOEFL score: N/A

Tuition and Fees: \$9,595 in-state, \$17,818 out-of-state

Room and Board: \$6,989

Undergraduate Programs

- Accounting & Information Systems
- Afro-American Studies
- Anthropology
- Art
- Art History
- Astronomy
- Bachelor's Degree with Individual Concentration (BDIC)

- Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- Biology
- Building Materials & Wood Technology

- Chemical Engineering
- Chemistry
- Chinese Language & Literature
- Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Classics
- Classics and Philosophy
- Communication
- Communication Disorders
- Comparative Literature
- Computer Science
- Dance

- Earth Systems
- Economics
- Education
- Electrical Engineering
- English
- Environmental Design
- Environmental Health Sciences
- Environmental Sciences
- Exercise Science

- Finance & Operations Management
- Food Science
- Forestry
- French & Francophone Studies
- Geography
- Geology
- German Languages and Literatures

- History
- Hospitality & Tourism Management
- Human Nutrition
- Interior Design
- Italian Studies
- Japanese Languages & Literature
- Journalism
- Judaic Studies

- Landscape Architecture
- Legal Studies
- Linguistics
- Linguistics and Anthropology
- Linguistics and Chinese
- Linguistics and German
- Linguistics and Japanese
- Linguistics and Philosophy
- Linguistics and Psychology
- Linguistics and Russian



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- Marketing
 - Mathematics
 - Mechanical Engineering
 - Microbiology
 - Middle Eastern Studies
 - Music
 - Natural Resource Studies
 - Nursing

 - Philosophy
 - Physics
 - Plant and Soil Sciences
 - Political Science
 - Portuguese
 - Psychology
 - Resource Economics
 - Russian and East European Studies

 - Science
 - Social Thought and Political Economy
 - Sociology
 - Spanish
 - Sport Management
 - Theater

 - University Without Walls
 - Veterinary and Animal Sciences
 - Wildlife & Fisheries Conservation
 - Women's Studies
- Graduate Programs – Master's**
- Accounting & Information Systems
 - Afro-American Studies
 - Animal Biotechnology & Biomedical Sciences
 - Anthropology
 - Applied Mathematics
 - Architecture
 - Art, Studio
 - Art History
 - Astronomy
 - Biochemistry
 - Biology
 - Business

 - Chemical Engineering
 - Chemistry
 - Chinese
 - Civil Engineering
 - Communication
 - Communication Disorders
 - Comparative Literature
 - Computer Science

 - Design

 - Economics
 - Education (also CAGS)
 - Electrical and Computer Engineering
 - English
 - Entomology
 - Environmental Engineering
 - Exercise Science

 - Food Science
 - Forest Resources
 - French and Francophone Studies
 - Geography
 - Geosciences
 - Germanic Languages & Literatures

 - Hispanic Literatures & Linguistics
 - History
 - Hospitality & Tourism Management
 - Industrial Engineering & Operations Research
 - Italian Studies
 - Japanese

 - Labor Studies
 - Landscape Architecture
 - Latin & Classical Humanities
 - Linguistics

 - Management
 - Manufacturing Engineering
 - Mathematics
 - Mechanical Engineering
 - Microbiology
 - Molecular and Cellular Biology
 - Music
 - Neuroscience and Behavior
 - Nursing
 - Nutrition

 - Organismic and Evolutionary Biology
 - Philosophy
 - Physics
 - Plant and Soil Sciences
 - Plant Biology
 - Political Science
 - Polymer Science and Engineering
 - Psychology
 - Public Health
 - Public Policy and Administration

 - Regional Planning
 - Resource Economics



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- Sociology
- Sport Management
- Theater
- UMass Five College History
- Wildlife & Fisheries Conservation

Graduate Programs – Doctoral

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- Astronomy
- Biochemistry
- Biology

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- Political Science
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- Psychology
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- Regional Planning
- Resource Economics
- School Psychology
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About UMass Amherst



A leading center for public higher education in the Northeast, the University of Massachusetts Amherst has gained a reputation for excellence in a growing number of fields, for its wide and varied academic offerings, and for its expanding historic roles in education, research, and public service.



The flagship campus of the Commonwealth's University system, the University of Massachusetts Amherst is a major research university enrolling 24,000 students, from all 50 United States and over 100 countries.

Its 10 schools and colleges offer 88 undergraduate majors, 68 master's and 48 doctoral programs.



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Sponsored research activities total more than \$100 million a year.



Located on 1,450-acres in the scenic Pioneer Valley of Western Massachusetts, the campus provides a rich cultural environment in a rural setting close to major urban centers. As a member of the Five College consortium, the university shares a mutually rewarding relationship with students from Amherst, Hampshire, Mount Holyoke, and Smith colleges.



Quick Facts

Location

UMass Amherst sits on nearly 1,450-acres in the scenic Pioneer Valley of Western Massachusetts, 90 miles from Boston and 175 miles from New York City. The campus provides a rich cultural environment in a rural setting close to major urban centers.



History

Established in 1863 under the Morrill Land Grant Act as Massachusetts Agricultural College, and opened in 1867 on a 310-acre campus with 4 faculty members, 4 buildings and 56 students, "Mass Aggie" became Massachusetts State College in 1931 and the University of Massachusetts in 1947 during a post-World War II growth surge. Today, UMass Amherst is the flagship campus of the five-campus University of Massachusetts System.



Faculty

1,129 full-time
288 part-time

Research

Supported research activities total more than \$100 million per year.

Academic Programs

88 bachelor's degree programs, 68 master's and 50 doctoral programs in 10 schools and colleges.

Library



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The university's library system is the largest at a state-supported institution in New England with more than 5.7 million items.

Alumni

Over 194,000 living alumni (2004 data)

Athletics

23 teams competing at the NCAA Division I level.



Arts

Fine Arts Center brings nationally-known theatre, dance and music to campus year-round. Six galleries provide a variety of spaces for visual arts. Student art and performance opportunities abound.

UMass History

UMass Amherst was born in 1867 as a land-grant agricultural college set on 310 rural acres with four faculty members, four wooden buildings, 56 students and a curriculum combining modern farming, science, technical courses, and liberal arts.



Over time, the curriculum, facilities, and student body outgrew the institution's original mission. In 1892 the first female student enrolled and graduate degrees were authorized. By 1931, to reflect a broader curriculum, "Mass Aggie" had become

Massachusetts State College. In 1947, "Mass State" became the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.



Immediately after World War II, the university experienced rapid growth in facilities, programs and enrollment, with 4000 students in 1954. By 1964, undergraduate enrollment jumped to 10,500, as Baby Boomers came of age. The turbulent political environment also brought a "sit-in" to the newly constructed Whitmore Administration Building. By the end of the decade, the completion of Southwest Residential Complex, the Alumni Stadium and the establishment of many new academic departments gave UMass Amherst much of its modern stature.



In the 1970s continued growth gave rise to a shuttle bus service on campus as well as several important architectural additions: the Murray D. Lincoln Campus Center, with a hotel, office space, fine dining restaurant, campus store and passageway to a multi-level parking garage; the W.E.B. Du Bois Library, named "tallest library in the world" upon its completion in 1973; and the Fine Arts Center, with performance space for world-class music, dance and theater.

The next two decades saw the emergence of UMass Amherst as a major research facility with the construction of the Lederle Graduate Research Center and the Conte National Polymer Research Center. Other programs excelled as well. In 1996 UMass Basketball became Atlantic 10 Conference



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champs and went to the NCAA Final Four. Before the millennium, both the William D. Mullins Center, a multi-purpose sports and convocation facility, and the Paul Robsham Visitors Center bustled with activity, welcoming thousands of visitors to the campus each year.



UMass Amherst entered the 21st century as the flagship campus of the state's five-campus University system, and enrollment of nearly 24,000 students and a national and international reputation for excellence.

[UMass System](#)



A University for the Commonwealth and the World Since 1863

The University of Massachusetts is a vital part of the educational, social, and economic development of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Our 60,000 students and 320,000 alumni are predominantly drawn from the region and remain in the region after graduation. Our commitment to provide over 90 percent of our qualified students' financial aid means that no student need be denied access to the highest quality university education.

Our \$300 million in annual research, the third largest amount in Massachusetts, conducted by our faculty and staff, and distributed regionally across the five campuses, makes UMass the engine for economic

and social development in every region of Massachusetts.

After 140 years of distinguished service to the Commonwealth, the nation, and the world, UMass is positioned to achieve even greater distinction.

