University of Massachusetts Boston (UMass Boston)

Fact Sheet 2022-2023

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|  | **About UMass Boston** The University of Massachusetts Boston is deeply rooted in the city's history, yet poised to address the challenges of the future. It was established in 1965. Recognized for innovative research, metropolitan Boston’s public university offers its diverse student population both an intimate learning environment and the rich experience of a great American city. UMass Boston’s 11 colleges and graduate schools serve nearly 17,000 students while engaging local and global constituents through academic programs, research centers, and public service. To learn more, Visit <https://www.umb.edu/> List of departments <https://www.umb.edu/academics> |
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| **Academic Calendar** | Fall semester: first week of September – mid December  Spring semester: end of January – end of May  For current calendar: <https://www.umb.edu/registrar/academic_calendar>  There is a mandatory student orientation usually one week before the classes start. |
| **Official Language** | English |
| **Languages used in the classes** | English |
| **Language Requirements**  **(if applicable)** | Minimum TOEFL iBT score 79 and/or minimum IELTS 6.0 or equivalent scores from [**J-Check/iTEP**](https://www.jchecktest.com/). For the specific scores required by UMass Boston departments and colleges, different than the one posted here, check [**here**](https://admissions.umb.edu/graduate-students/apply/international-graduate-applicants) |
| **Do you offer Intensive**  **Language courses?** | ESL courses are offered at all levels through CE (Continued Education) but the courses are not covered under the tuition waiver for exchange students. <https://www.umb.edu/academics/caps/esl> |
| **Eligibility (qualifications/**  **restrictions)** | Students must be nominated by the home university; attended at least one year on the home campus; be in good academic standing; and meet language requirements. |
| **Workload** | Minimum 12 US credits per semester (usually 4 courses, 3 credit per course) for undergraduates, and 9 credits (3 courses) for graduate students. |
| **Academic Program and Courses** | The students are eligible to participate in all programs except **Nursing and CAPS** (College of Advanced & Professional Studies). Courses in clinical Psychology are not open for non-degree students. There are no programs created specifically for exchange students.  [Some courses are only open to matriculated degree students](https://www.umb.edu/registrar/registration_courses/register_for_courses/non_degree_students).  **College of Management:** Limited courses open for non-degree registration.  Please review their [**registration policies for non-degree students**](https://business.umb.edu/undergraduate-programs/umass-boston-non-cm-students#2-registration-information-for-non-management-and-non-degree-students). Due to the nature of the programs within the College of Management (CM), students face difficulty in transferring prerequisites from their home institution and there is a very limited number of seats open in most of the CM courses. Students should plan on taking courses outside of the College of Management if, for whatever reason, they cannot get enrolled into the CM courses.  Check course catalog for current semester course offerings: <https://www.umb.edu/academics/course_catalog> |
| **Application Procedure** | Complete exchange student application form (online) and supporting documentation.  For application and guidelines, check the website: <https://www.umb.edu/academics/global/exchange>  Supporting documentation   * An official transcript(s), in English, of courses previously completed * Minimum TOEFL score of 79-80 (Internet-Based) or 213 (Computer-Based) for both Undergraduate and Graduate students (see above for language requirements) * Evidence of funding ($1,500 per month X number of months of intended stay at UMass Boston) in the form of a scholarship award letter, or personal bank statement, or an affidavit of support from parents/sponsor accompanied by evidence of that individual’s ability to finance your studies * A copy of your Passport page (if available) * Copies of any previous DS-2019s (if you have participated in an exchange program before) |
| **Application Deadlines** | Full academic year (Sept. to May) - March 15  Fall semester only (Sept. to December) - April 1  Spring semester only – November 1 |
| **Acceptance** | Once nominated, students will receive an email from us with the online application link sent to their email (submitted with your nomination). Acceptance letters will be sent approximately one month after the application deadline by email to students email addresses. |
| **Visa** | Form DS2019 will be sent to the student’s email address until further notice. Students will enter the U.S. on a J-1 student visa (non-degree seeking) and it is the student’s responsibility to apply for a visa. |
| **Health Insurance** | Students are required to have insurance coverage that is considered comparable to the [insurance](https://j1visa.state.gov/sponsors/how-to-administer-a-program/) that the U.S. Department of State requires for J-1 visa holders. Students may purchase the University of Massachusetts Boston student insurance, or from the other carrier that meets the required standards. |
| **University Fees**  **Transcripts** | The mandatory student fees are approximately $800 per semester for an undergraduate student and approximately $700 per semester for a graduate student. These fees are subject to change and might increase. These fees cannot be waived as there are not included in tuition and academic fees waiver and are to be paid upon student’s registration to UMass Boston.  Request for **Official transcripts** only electronically https://www.umb.edu/registrar/records\_grades/records |
| **Numbers of exchange students** | According to each specific student exchange agreement with a partner university; in total approximately 50 incoming exchange students per semester. |
| **Estimate of Living**  **Expenses** | $1,500 USD per month x 4 for the semester |
| **Average temperature** | Fall semester - daily mean: 22 ºC high to -2 ºC low  Spring semester -daily mean: -2 ºC low up to 23 ºC high |
| **Student populations**  **(domestic /** **int’l students** | Approximately 17,000 students  International students 2400 (before 2020)  Three main countries where int’l students come from: China, India, South Korea |
| **Other remarks**  **Map**  **Mobile App** | Browse for the latest information and photos on UMass Boston website <https://www.umb.edu/>  Interactive UMass Boston active map of the university facilities: <https://www.umb.edu/map>  The UMass **Boston Mobile App** is free and available on iOS (iPhone and iPad) and Android. |

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