



## *THE GRADUATE SCHOOL – UMASS AMHERST*

# **NEW STUDENT TO-DO LIST**

### **TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORT TO AMHERST**

From Bradley International Airport (BDL), Hartford, CT

Valley Transporter

<http://www.valleytransporter.com/>

From Boston Logan International Airport (BOS)

Peter Pan Bus

<http://peterpanbus.com/>

Valley Transporter

<http://www.valleytransporter.com/>

Boston subway

[http://www.mbtta.com/schedules\\_and\\_maps/subway/](http://www.mbtta.com/schedules_and_maps/subway/)

From New York (JFK, LaGuardia and Newark)

Peter Pan Bus

<http://peterpanbus.com/>

Megabus

<http://us.megabus.com/>

Valley Transporter

<http://www.valleytransporter.com/>

NYC metro

<http://web.mta.info/nyct/maps/submap.htm>

Amherst local

<http://www.yellowpages.com/amherst-ma/taxi-service>

Local free bus services

<http://www.umass.edu/transit/schedules.html>

More resources

<http://www.umass.edu/ipo/iss/transportation.php>

### **HOUSING**

Graduate housing at UMASS

<http://www.housing.umass.edu/aboutus/gradhousing.html>

Off-Campus Housing:

<http://www.umocss.org/>

<http://westernmass.craigslist.org/>

<http://marketplace.gazettenet.com/amherst/real-estate-for-rent/search/>

University Family Housing

<http://www.housing.umass.edu/aboutus/familyhousing/index.html>

### **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

International Programs Office

<http://www.umass.edu/ipo/iss>

Obtain your visa

<http://www.umass.edu/ipo/iss/how-obtain-your-visa-document>

Important visa information

[http://www.umass.edu/ipo/docs/sevis\\_reg.pdf](http://www.umass.edu/ipo/docs/sevis_reg.pdf)

Attend the International Student Orientation

<https://www.umass.edu/ipo/sites/default/files/Fall%202015%20Orientation%20Schedule.pdf>

Social Security

<http://www.umass.edu/ipo/iss/social>

International student employees (Including Tax Treaty and Tax Reporting)

<http://www.umass.edu/humres/international-employees-0>

## IMPORTANT THINGS NEEDED TO START YOUR UNIVERSITY LIFE!

Obtain student ID (168 Whitmore Building)	<a href="http://www.umass.edu/ucard/">http://www.umass.edu/ucard/</a>
Activate email account	<a href="http://www.oit.umass.edu/accounts">http://www.oit.umass.edu/accounts</a>
Activate and register for classes through SPIRE	<a href="https://www.spire.umass.edu">https://www.spire.umass.edu</a>
Apply for parking permit	<a href="http://parking.umass.edu">http://parking.umass.edu</a>

### Health

Where to see doctor – University Health Services	<a href="http://www.umass.edu/uhs/">http://www.umass.edu/uhs/</a>
Student Health Benefit Plan	<a href="http://www.umass.edu/uhs/insurance/ship/">http://www.umass.edu/uhs/insurance/ship/</a>

### New Graduate Employees

Attend HR Orientation for New Graduate Employees and submit all required paperwork	<a href="http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/funding-support/graduate-assistantship-office/hr-information-orientation">http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/funding-support/graduate-assistantship-office/hr-information-orientation</a>
New employee information	<a href="http://www.umass.edu/humres/empl_new_employee_information.htm">http://www.umass.edu/humres/empl_new_employee_information.htm</a>

### Buy textbooks

UMass Textbook Store	<a href="http://www.shopumass.com">http://www.shopumass.com</a>
Amherst Bookstore (8 Main St. Amherst, MA)	<a href="http://www.amherstbooks.com">http://www.amherstbooks.com</a>
Online at Amazon	<a href="http://www.amazon.com">http://www.amazon.com</a>
Online at bookstores.com. Follow the textbook link.	<a href="http://www.bookstores.com/">http://www.bookstores.com/</a>

## FINANCES

### Banking

Open a bank account	<a href="http://www.yellowpages.com/amherst-ma/banks">http://www.yellowpages.com/amherst-ma/banks</a>
	<a href="https://www.umassfive.coop/">https://www.umassfive.coop/</a>

### Financial Aid

Graduate student financial aid opportunities	<a href="http://www.umass.edu/umfa/aidtypes/gradoptions/">http://www.umass.edu/umfa/aidtypes/gradoptions/</a>
Apply for assistantships: most assistantships are assigned by departments, but those open to a broader group are listed at:	<a href="http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/funding-support/graduate-assistantship-office/job-opportunities">http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/funding-support/graduate-assistantship-office/job-opportunities</a>

### GEO

Learn about the Graduate Student Employee Union (GEO) and the contract	<a href="http://www.geouaw.org">http://www.geouaw.org</a>
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## UMASS CAMPUS LIFE

Get to know the UMass-Amherst campus	<a href="http://www.umass.edu/visitorsctr/Campus_Map/">http://www.umass.edu/visitorsctr/Campus_Map/</a>
Take a tour of the library facilities	<a href="http://www.library.umass.edu">http://www.library.umass.edu</a>
Get involved in a Graduate Student Organization	<a href="http://blogs.umass.edu/gss/graduate-student-organizations-gsos/list-of-gsos/">http://blogs.umass.edu/gss/graduate-student-organizations-gsos/list-of-gsos/</a>
Review Graduate Student Handbook	<a href="http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/policies-forms/graduate-student-handbook">http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/policies-forms/graduate-student-handbook</a>
Office of Professional Development	<a href="https://www.umass.edu/gradschool/office-of-professional-development">https://www.umass.edu/gradschool/office-of-professional-development</a>
Visit the Center for Teaching for those interested in improving teaching skills	<a href="http://www.umass.edu/ctfd/">http://www.umass.edu/ctfd/</a>
Check out the UMass award-winning dining services	<a href="http://www.umassdining.com/">http://www.umassdining.com/</a>

## EXPLORE THE PIONEER VALLEY

Learn about the best stores, restaurants, services and attractions in the Pioneer Valley:

<http://bestof.valleyadvocate.com/best-of-2015-winners/>

Learn free transit system

<http://www.umass.edu/transit/>

### Explore new area

Amherst:

<http://www.amherstarea.com>

<http://www.mass.gov/portal/cities-towns/amherst.html>

Northampton:

<http://www.explorenorthampton.com>

<http://www.mass.gov/portal/cities-towns/northampton.html>

### Child Care options:

Graduate Student Senate

<http://blogs.umass.edu/gss/graduate-childcare-assistance-program/>

Graduate Employee Organization

<http://www.hwtrust.geouaw.org/families>

Office of Family Resources

<http://www.umass.edu/ofr/>

Massachusetts early education and care programs

<http://www.mass.gov/edu/birth-grade-12/early-education-and-care/find-early-education-and-care-programs/>

### Dining

Local restaurants

<http://www.urbanspoon.com/n/205/23600/Massachusetts/Amherst-restaurants>

### Join a gym

UMASS Rec Center

<http://www.umass.edu/campusrec/>

Hampshire Athletic Club

<http://www.hampshireac.com>

Hampshire Regional YMCA

<http://hrymca.org/>

Northampton Athletic Club

<http://www.nohoac.com/>