

# The College Visit Minute

A written account of college recruiting visits to Cambridge High School Campus for those that can't attend by *The CHS College Center*

**School: UMass Amherst**

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Is the Rep a school Alum?

Is the Rep involved in the admissions process? **Yes**

Last year's Freshman Profile: GPA - **3.97**

SAT - **1270**

ACT - **28**

GPA -How is it calculated? Core vs. Cumulative? **Core Classes Weighted vs. unweighted? Weight is backed out and then recalculated by UMass. Also looking for Math during senior year**

ACT/SAT – Written Portion? Super score? **Super score both ACT and SAT**

Rigor - What are the average AP requirements? **4-5 on the test to get the credit/ move on to the next class**

Extra-Curricular Activities –What does the school look for? **Holistic review**

Most popular majors at this school: **Nursing, Biology- Health Sciences, STEM programs. Business**

For out-of-state schools, are there any majors that would qualify for the Academic Common Market?

Does chosen major affect decision process? **Engineering, business, nursing, Computer science, music, architecture, art and dance may have extra items needed, such as portfolios.**

**UMass allows you to build your own major. They had a student major in cheese. She wanted to produce cheese as a business.**

Study Abroad Programs? Summer Programs, Semester-Long Programs, Foreign Language Programs? **450 SA programs are offered in several countries such as UK, Thailand, Brazil, South Africa and India**

Internships / Co-Op Opportunities? **Both opportunities. US News and World report top 10 for internships**

Research Opportunities? **Can start research as a freshman.**

Special successes the school is known for: **UMass is a part of a local consortium of 5 colleges including Amherst, Mt. Holyoke, Hampshire and Smith. Students can take classes on these other campuses.**

Scholarships: Are there any specific to our area or for Georgia students?

When are scholarship deadlines? **Part of the application**

What is the Total cost of Attendance?

|                                | <u>Out of State</u> |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Tuition & Fees                 | <b>\$34,570</b>     |
| Room & Board                   | <b>\$12,626</b>     |
| Total per Year (Two Semesters) | <b>\$47,196</b>     |

Upcoming On-Campus visit dates not to be missed?

Is there a "Scholar Day" for Honors bound students?

## Applications

When are application deadlines? Different decisions: Early Action, Binding, Early Decision, Regular Decision, Rolling?

EA is Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Regular Decision: Jan 15th

Is an essay required for all decision options? General essay, common app essay

Are letters of recommendation required or suggested? At least one but no more than three. Prefer the counselor's recommendation.

Is an in-person interview required or suggested? No

What does the school look for in each "round" of decisions? Holistic review including activities

Does the school use the Common App? Yes

How many applicants are received per year? 42,400(2016)

How much is the application fee? \$80

Are there quotas for applicant acceptance?

## Campus Life

NCAA Criteria, (Division I, II, etc.)? Div I Football, Field Hockey, lacrosse, hockey

Are sporting events free? Is there a ticket lottery? Just need Student ID

Do freshmen live on campus? Are cars allowed? Yes/yes

What are the dorms like: hall-style, suite-style, or apartment-style? Living & Learning Dorms? All Styles, the honors dorm is new. Freshmen live in the standard hall style dorms 52 residence halls with 7 neighborhoods.

Campus Life (requirements, restaurants/cafeterias, clubs/activities, etc.) 4 dining halls and local restaurants. Many Farm-table eateries. UMass has been voted #1 for 2016-17 for the food in the dining halls. Several club sports and intramurals. Over 300 clubs to get involved in.

What is the undergraduate enrollment? 4700 Freshmen 22,000

Total enrollment? 29,000

Percentage of male: female- 51/49

Percentage of in-state: out-of-state students – 73/27

Percentage of students participating in Greek Life – 11% 20 total fraternities and sororities. There are fraternity and sorority houses off campus

Where is the school located? 1 hour 45 minutes from Boston

How far is it from Milton? 3-4 hour plane ride

Other:

17:1 student: faculty ratio

North Hampton is a college town with pop 22K

In a valley with 4 other colleges. Mt. Holyoke, Smith, Hampshire and Amherst

Near the larger town of Springfield.