# University of Massachusetts Boston (UMass Boston) fact sheet 2018-2019

## 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/](https://www.umb.edu/)  List of departments [https://www.umb.edu/academics](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](https://www.umb.edu/registrar/academic_calendar)  
There is a mandatory student orientation usually one week before the classes start

## Official Language
English
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<th><strong>Languages that are most used in the classes</strong></th>
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<td><strong>Language Requirements (if applicable)</strong></td>
<td>Minimum TOEFL iBT score 79 and/or minimum IELTS 6.0</td>
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<td><strong>Do you offer Intensive Language courses specially for exchange students?</strong></td>
<td>ESL courses are offered at all levels through CAPS (College of Advanced &amp; Professional Studies) but the courses are not covered under the tuition waiver. <a href="https://www.umb.edu/academics/caps/esl">https://www.umb.edu/academics/caps/esl</a></td>
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<td><strong>Eligibility (qualifications/restrictions)</strong></td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td><strong>Workload</strong></td>
<td>12 US credits per semester (usually 4 courses, 3 credit per course) for undergraduates, and 9 credits (3 courses) for graduate students.</td>
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<td><strong>Academic Program and Courses</strong></td>
<td>The students are eligible to participate in all programs except Nursing and CAPS (College of Advanced &amp; Professional Studies). There are no programs created specifically for exchange students. Check course catalog for current semester course offerings: <a href="https://www.umb.edu/academics/course_catalog">https://www.umb.edu/academics/course_catalog</a></td>
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<td><strong>Application Procedure</strong></td>
<td>Complete exchange student application form and supporting documentation. For application and guidelines, check the website: <a href="https://www.umb.edu/academics/global/exchange/incoming_exchange_students">https://www.umb.edu/academics/global/exchange/incoming_exchange_students</a></td>
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<td>Supporting documentation</td>
<td>• 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 • A Professor’s academic recommendation • A 200 word essay explaining the reasons for studying at UMass Boston • 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)</td>
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<td><strong>Application Deadlines</strong></td>
<td>Full academic year (Sept. to May) - March 1 Fall semester only (Sept. to December) - April 1 Spring semester only - October 1</td>
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| **When Acceptance Packages will be sent?** | Acceptance letters will be sent approximately 2-3 weeks after application deadline.  
[https://www.umb.edu/academics/global/exchange/incoming_exchange_students](https://www.umb.edu/academics/global/exchange/incoming_exchange_students) |
| **Visa** | Form DS2019 (hard copy) will be sent to the accepted students via FedEX to apply for a visa in the local U.S.A consulate. Students will enter the U.S. on a J-1 student visa (non-degree seeking). |
| **Health Insurance** | Students are required to have insurance coverage that is considered comparable to the [insurance that the U.S. Department of State requires for J-1 visa holders](https://www.umb.edu/academics/global/exchange/incoming_exchange_students). Students may purchase the University of Massachusetts Boston student insurance, or from the other carrier that meets the required standards. |
| **University Fees** | 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. |
| **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 per month** | $1,500 USD per month |
| **Average temperature (Summer/ Winter)** | Fall semester - daily mean:  22 ºC high to -2 ºC low  
Spring semester -daily mean:  -2 ºC low up to 23 ºC high |
| **Housing** | A dormitory will open in Fall 2018 (limited to freshmen students for now). There will be cafeteria in the dorm; There are two cafeterias on Campus, open for breakfast and lunch (Monday through Friday).  
UMass Boston has agreements with local private housing complexes (Harbor Point and the Peninsula) in addition to recommendation for the private rooms to rent in the vicinity of the Campus.  
[https://www.umb.edu/academics/global/exchange](https://www.umb.edu/academics/global/exchange)  
[https://www.umb.edu/life_on_campus/housing/frequently_asked_questions](https://www.umb.edu/life_on_campus/housing/frequently_asked_questions) |
| **Student populations (domestic students/ international students)** | Approximately 17,000 students  
International students 2400  
China  
India  
South Korea |
| **Three main countries where int’l students come from** | |
Other remarks

Please browse the links for the photos [https://www.umb.edu/](https://www.umb.edu/)
Interactive UMass Boston active map of the university facilities: [https://www.umb.edu/map](https://www.umb.edu/map)

International exchange students who came to study at UMass Boston as exchange students from Europe and returned to get their MBA afterwards (2014).

UMass Boston Harbor walk in Fall (October)