Start Here. Stay Here.
UMass Boston’s Pathway Program

We designed a pathway to help you meet our admissions requirements and become a UMass Boston student after one semester!

You can start at the University of Massachusetts Boston as a non-degree student in fall 2020 and take five courses that will allow you to become familiar with college-level coursework and make progress toward a UMass Boston degree. If you earn a 2.5 cumulative GPA or higher after the first semester you will be eligible for admission in the spring 2021.

Advantages of Choosing UMass Boston’s Pathway Program:

- **Personal attention:** Small classes taught by top-notch UMass Boston professors.
- **Affordable option:** Although financial aid is not available, the total cost for the semester (13 credits) is only $3,400 and you can take advantage of our payment plan.
- **Progress toward a degree:** The Pathway courses satisfy general education requirements for all academic programs and include college English, history, sociology and environmental science.
- **Support:** A specially designed one-credit University Success course will help you to acclimate to UMass Boston and learn about university resources and how to access them.
- **Social:** Join the 100+ active student-led organizations, live on campus and meet new friends, and participate in our intramural club sports.
- **Ease:** We will assist you with the application process for the spring semester.
- **Start here:** And stay here.

Successfully complete your first semester at UMass Boston and you will be on track to be accepted for the spring semester starting January 2021. Once you are accepted into a degree program, you are eligible to apply for financial aid.

All students must attend an information session and take a placement exam to be eligible for the Pathway Program. To express interest in the program and to receive additional information about next steps, please complete the online form at [www.umb.edu/starthere](http://www.umb.edu/starthere). You can also contact Tim Ford at 617.287.6211.