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UMass Boston’s Pathway Program

Begin your education at the University of Massachusetts Boston as a non-degree student in fall 2021 and take five courses that will allow you to become familiar with college-level coursework - making progress towards a UMass Boston degree. If you earn a 2.5 cumulative GPA or higher after the first semester, you will be eligible for admission into a degree-seeking program in the Spring 2022 semester.

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 approximately $3,500 and you can take advantage of our payment plan.
- **Scholarships:** Guaranteed $2,000 merit-based scholarship for participants at the end of the program who achieve a 3.3 cumulative GPA or higher.
- **Progress toward a degree:** Pathway courses satisfy general education requirements for all academic programs and include college English, history, sociology and political science.
- **Support:** A specially designed one-credit University Success course, along with a peer mentor, will help you acclimate to UMass Boston and learn about university resources and how to access them.
- **Social:** Join any of 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 2022 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 2022. Upon acceptance into a degree-seeking program, eligible students may qualify to receive financial aid.

All students must attend an information session to be eligible for the Pathway Program. To learn more about the program, we invite you to register for a session here: [www.umb.edu/starthere](http://www.umb.edu/starthere). For any questions, please contact Tim Ford (Office of Undergraduate Admissions) at 617.287.6211 or timothy.ford@umb.edu.