
Information for International Graduate Students

The University of Massachusetts Dartmouth is very much interested in attracting to its campus superior students from abroad. This chapter summarizes information of special interest to international students. Please study the information about us carefully to be sure that we can meet your educational and personal needs.

Overview of our Campus and Region

The University of Massachusetts Dartmouth's 710-acre campus is situated near woods and farms, family residences, and commercial areas. Large metropolitan areas, with their variety of libraries, museums, theaters, and other educational institutions, are within an hour's driving distance—Boston to the north and Providence, Rhode Island, to the west; the smaller urban centers New Bedford and Fall River are just minutes away. Recreational sites are close to our campus, including ocean beaches, hiking, and cultural and night-life opportunities, and a good number of stores, restaurants, and shops are close to campus.

However, the university is not in an urban center. For students with a car, access to urban centers is very convenient. For others, public transportation must be used. Buses provide access to and from the nearby small cities of Fall River and New Bedford, although planning is necessary because the scheduled hours of public transportation are limited at night and on weekends. Students walk or bicycle to homes and shops near the campus, including a sizable shopping area (shopping mall). Many students find much that they need on campus, because we offer a full range of health, support, recreational, and cultural programs and services, and because students can purchase meals, snacks, and personal as well as academic items on campus.

Apartments can be rented locally, and graduate students often share an apartment or house. Prior arrangements must be made with the UMass Dartmouth Housing office if you wish to live on campus.

About 73 undergraduate and 289 graduate students at the university are studying at UMass Dartmouth on student visas. Of the 362 international students enrolled in Fall 2003, for example, 151 were from the Far East and Pacific Rim; 103 are from India or Bangladesh; 28 are from the eastern Mediterranean and Persian Gulf regions; 57 are from Western, Central and Eastern Europe; 12 are from Africa; and the remainder are from the Americas. The university is actively seeking

international applicants from all areas, but especially from regions which are presently under-represented.

The university has organizations specifically for international students, and a number of other student organizations have an international, multicultural component. The International Student Center and the Office of Graduate Studies help with eligibility and immigration requirements and provide many other kinds of assistance.

Assistantships

Many international graduate applicants receive a graduate teaching or research assistantship. Assistantships help support many UMass Dartmouth international graduate students and are the university's sole means of offering financial support to international students.

The value of graduate assistantships varies a great deal, depending on the graduate program and degree level, the applicant's qualifications, and whether a full-time or less-than-full-time assistantship is offered. Assistantships include a stipend, waiver of tuition, and reduction of academic fees to the amount that Massachusetts residents pay. However, for many programs the value of the assistantship will not fully cover the student's expenses.

If an assistantship is offered, its monetary value will be indicated in the official contract that we send you and on your I-20 form. If the assistantship will not cover all costs, the I-20 form that we issue will require an additional amount of support from your own resources or from a sponsor. Therefore, many assistantship students are required to submit the Declaration and Certification of Finances Form together with required documentation to demonstrate that additional financing is available.

Assistantships are awarded competitively, and they are not offered to all accepted students. The academic departments determine who can receive assistantships, not the Graduate Admissions Office or the Office of Financial Aid. Students wishing information about the criteria for assistantships and the timing of award decisions may contact the department in which they will be studying.

Exchange Agreements

UMass Dartmouth has formal exchange agreements with a number of academic institutions in other countries. Students interested in coming here under those

agreements will apply for admission through the offices or contact persons identified in their home institution.

Arrangements for Housing

Reasonable apartment or house rentals are available near the campus and at driving distance in surrounding communities. *Because preference for on-campus housing is given to full-time undergraduate students, on-campus housing will be limited for graduate students.*

To rent an apartment locally, if possible you should seek assistance from an acquaintance who is already here. The International Student Center can help you to make connection to an appropriate international student group for help. The university's Housing Office maintains a listing of local rentals and may be contacted at 508-999-8140; or write Office of Housing and Residential Life, UMass Dartmouth, 285 Old Westport Road, North Dartmouth, MA 02747-2300; or e-mail housing@umassd.edu.

If you will live off campus, you may make your housing arrangements after your arrival, while staying with a friend or in one of the commercial accommodations available close to the campus (however, these accommodations are expensive).

If you plan to live away from campus with a relative who will provide you with housing and meals while you are a student here, send us the person's name, address, and phone number and indicate the relationship to you. Please have that person write to us to verify that housing and meals will be provided, and indicating that they will be cost-free or what charges you will be responsible for. Without such verification, we will use "off-campus apartment or room" charges on your I-20 form.

Application Procedures (International)

The Admissions section of this catalogue gives complete details, which are not repeated here. Here, we give information of special concern to international applicants.

Application and Fee Payment

Your application form and the application fee (\$55 U.S.) should reach the Admissions Office at least four months before the date when you plan to enter. UMass Dartmouth does not offer fee waivers to international applicants. All documents supporting your application should be received as soon as possible thereafter.

Because there may not be time for us to send you notifications about any missing application materials, try to submit all required forms and records together.

Please note that the master's degree program in Nursing is not able to accept international students, until they obtain a Massachusetts nursing license (RN).

Records of Previous Schooling

You must be able to provide transcripts of undergraduate and any graduate academic records, including lists of courses or subjects studied and grades earned, and also (if applicable) the school leaving certificate and/or your national examination results. If not in English, these records must be accompanied by certified English translations. Please explain in detail any limitations in your ability to provide full, certified, translated school records.

Test of English as a Foreign Language

Applicants whose native language is not English must demonstrate that they are proficient in English. Most do this by taking the **TOEFL**, which is administered worldwide. For information about testing locations and dates, contact the College Entrance Examination Board, Box 6155, Princeton, NJ 08541-6155; phone 609-771-7100. The College Entrance Examination Board must report official scores to us, using UMass Dartmouth's code 3786.

This requirement is waived only for those who had English as their primary language of secondary school or college instruction, who have successfully completed a year of advanced secondary school or college/university study in the United States, or who can be present in person to meet with officials of the university at the time of application for admission.

The university does not offer a program for students to overcome serious deficiencies in English, although supplemental instruction may be available, perhaps at an extra charge. A number of academic institutions in our region offer intensive English-language institutes. Students who need to gain proficiency in English may seek admission to such a program, complete it successfully, and then apply for entrance to UMass Dartmouth.

Other Required Tests

Tests such as the GRE and GMAT may be required for the program to which you are applying. The results must arrive in time for us to evaluate them before final consideration for acceptance can occur.

Ability to Meet Expenses

You will be required to document ability to meet estimated instructional costs and living expenses before the university will issue you an I-20 form. You should do this by using the Declaration and Certification of Finances form included in our application packet. Accepted applicants for whom we lack the Declaration and Certification of Finances Form will receive another copy along with our letter of admission, with instructions to complete and submit it. We will issue an I-20 form only after we receive your financial declaration, properly completed and signed, with all of the required documentation. Early submission of this form can shorten the admissions process.

The chart of annual expenses that accompanies this chapter will help you assess the financial impact of graduate admission to UMass Dartmouth, as an international student who will need to receive an I-20 form. Your first year expenses at UMass Dartmouth are as shown on the accompanying table, depending on your academic program. You can expect this amount to increase by 5% to 15% each year that you are in attendance. Specific amounts are subject to change without notice and will vary depending on each student's individual needs and course enrollments.

If you receive an assistantship, it will reduce the academic charges significantly and provide a stipend; this is shown on the I-20 form. Assistantship values vary widely. Your award will give full information, so you can plan appropriately.

Initial Charges at the University

Some of your payments are split approximately equally between fall and spring semesters. At the start of your first semester, you will be expected to pay approximately half of the annual tuition and fees charge. Please arrange your finances so you will have the necessary amount of money available at the beginning of your first term, and then also at the start of subsequent terms. The university makes available the services of a private financing program to assist those students who wish to spread their tuition and fee payments out rather than paying the entire amount at the beginning of the term. Upon request, we will send you an application form for this service. It is important to make these arrangements before you arrive on campus.

On the other hand, some financial obligations are incurred at the beginning of a student's stay at the university. For this reason, one will need an initial larger amount of money to

cover these costs.

- Our health insurance charge is assessed fully in the fall semester and covers the entire calendar year.
- Some other academic charges, such as an orientation fee or transcript fee, may be

Annual Expenses Estimated, 2003-2004

Not included are transportation expenses to and from your home country or purchase of a vehicle in the U.S. These estimates can vary in specific circumstances and are subject to change without notification. They are estimated so as to keep expenses low; some students may find it difficult to get by on these amounts.

Living expenses

Off-campus room, meals, local transportation, personal expenses	\$8,038
<i>or</i>	
Off-campus residence with room and meals provided free (this must be documented), personal expenses, and transportation.	\$2,344
Books and supplies	\$1,800
Compulsory health insurance	\$943

Tuition and fees

(based on course enrollments typical in each academic field)

Artisanry/Fine Arts/Visual Design	\$16,209
Art Education	\$16,209
Biology/Marine Biology	\$12,122
Business Admn., foundation year	\$15,969
Business Administration	\$12,062
Chemistry	\$12,122
Computer Science	\$12,402
Electrical Engineering	\$12,402
Mechanical Engineering	\$12,402
Physics	\$12,402
Professional Writing	\$12,062
Psychology	\$12,062
Textile Chemistry/Technology	\$13,053

Totals, range \$16,149 - 24,247

If your spouse will be with you, add \$3,500 to the total cost.

If children will be with you, also add \$1,000 for each child.

charged at the beginning of one's first semester.

- Many landlords require initial payment of a deposit in the form of one month's rental charge as well as payment of the first month's rent, before one can move into a house or apartment.

- If you are to receive a graduate assistantship, your income will assist you in paying your bills. However, one receives one's first paycheck only after rendering one or two weeks of service, and one is paid only the amount earned in that time period. Furthermore, many international students experience delays in receiving their initial pay because of the time it takes to receive a U.S. Social Security Number.

Admission and Your Visa

If you meet the requirements for admission, we will send you a letter of acceptance, but we can send your visa papers only after you confirm your intention to enroll and after you prove that you have sufficient financial resources.

Accompanying the letter of acceptance will be a form requesting confirmation of your intention to enroll. If you have not already done so, we will usually also request that you submit the form for Declaration and Certification of Finances. When we receive appropriate confirmation and financial documentation, we will send the I-20 form to you. Please note that accepted students sometimes must wait for a period of time before learning if they are to receive an assistantship.

The I-20 form (U.S. Immigration Certification of Eligibility) is a United States immigration requirement for the issuance of the F-1 temporary student visa. An I-20 form can only be offered to those who have received admission into a regular academic program of the university and have proved their financial ability. The I-20 form will indicate the specific date and semester of your arrival and the length of your program; it is valid only while the student remains in active degree status for the stated program and no longer than the period stated on the form. Also with your I-20 form we will enclose additional information, about travel to the United States and to North Dartmouth; local accommodations, services, and personal needs; and important dates .

With the I-20 and letter of acceptance you may apply to a U.S. Consul for the F-1 student visa that will allow you to come to the United

States. The U.S. Consul will require you to have a valid, current passport from your country, which should extend at least six months beyond your stay in the United States. The U.S. Consul will also need to see your acceptance papers and proof of financial resources. Generally, you can show copies of the same documentation that you submit to us.

In some cases, a regularly-admitted graduate degree student may be eligible for a J-1 visa rather than the F-1 visa. If you think you qualify for J-1 admission, please correspond with the Graduate Admissions Office about the special circumstances in your case.

Maintaining Your Student Status; Employment While a Student

F-1 graduate students must be registered for a full-time course load of at least 9 hours of credit at the university each semester, and they must complete at least 18 credits successfully each year. They must remain in good standing and make regular progress toward completion of their degree. In cases of serious hardship, the Graduate Studies Office can permit waivers of this rule.

International students holding F-1 visas may not accept off-campus employment during their first year of study (9 months) in the United States. The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service is strict about this rule. If after one year of study your financial circumstances have changed and documented evidence is available, you may apply, via the International Students' Office, for permission to work off-campus. However, there is a strict limit to the total amount of employment you may have. .

In some cases, students may qualify for Practical Training employment either near the end of their program of study or after they receive their degree. There are strict conditions for obtaining permission for Practical Training, however, and the extent of such employment is limited to one year.

Rarely, and when the student's academic program allows, students may qualify for Curricular Practical Training. This is applied academic work in the field of one's academic program. Curricular Practical Training work must be accompanied by paid registration in an experiential learning, internship, or independent study/research course. A one-month work experience should be accompanied at least by a one-credit registration, a two-month experience by two credits, and a three-month

experience by three credits; and the student does significant academic work for the credits earned. This course must be a requirement or be allowed as an elective in the degree program. A letter from the proposed employer is obtained. Then, the student must obtain a memorandum from the supervising faculty member, approved in order by the Department Chairperson (for undergraduates) or the Graduate Program Director and the Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs/Graduate Studies to verify that the conditions have been met; then, the International Student Office will issue the approval paperwork.

Students on Practical Training may work no more than twenty hours while school is in session and full-time over breaks and summer.

Orientation

International students are required to attend a compulsory orientation program held during the week before fall classes begin. Incoming international students are expected to arrange their travel plans so as to be able to attend. A one-time orientation fee is charged to all international students (see chapter on Expenses).

International Student Services

The coordinator for International Students, Christina Bruen, and the staff of the International Student Center prepare initial I-20 forms required to obtain the F-1 student visa. The Graduate Office sends the paperwork to admitted graduate students and assists with any additional documents or information required in the visa process. The Graduate Office also oversees the University's exchange-student programs.

The International Student Center staff provides ongoing support with visas and other immigration forms and applications as well as assistance with documentation that students need while studying at the University. The staff at the Center also provides general advice and assistance with campus life and personal needs. Workshops are offered during the course of the year pertaining to employment, taxes, and other subjects of particular interest to international students. The Center maintains ISOList@umass.edu, which is an e-mail service sent regularly to all international students to keep them informed about visa requirements and other matters of interest. Cultural events are cosponsored by the Center and other organizations on campus. The International Student Center is located in Pine Dale Residence Hall, Suite 7123, and may be reached by telephone at 508-910-6633, e-mail cbrien@umassd.edu.

Services and Support for Graduate Students

The university provides comprehensive academic and student support programs. Many are self-contained; others offer not only the full range of local services but access to regional, national, or even international sources through information services, networks, or professional associations.

The many academic-support and student-service programs available to undergraduates can also be used by graduate students. The present listing selects those programs that might be of special interest to graduate students. It is not an exhaustive list of the academic and student support functions on the campus.

Academic and Student Services

Academic Resources Center

The Academic Resource Center is an academic support service which provides peer tutoring and small group review sessions free of charge for all students. A broad range of supportive functions is provided for courses and through the Office of the Director, Thomas Daigle (508 999-8709) and the four area centers of the ARC, Writing and Reading (Director, Amy Parelman, at 8710), Science and Engineering (Director, John Fernandes, at 8718), Math and Business, (Director, Sokratis Koumas, at 8716), and Disabled Student Services (Director, Carole Johnson, at 8711).

Of special interest to graduate students are services supporting students working on theses and dissertations, and sessions to help international students gain fluency and confidence in the use of English. The Academic Resources Center is open daily during school days, with main offices in the Group I building, room 005.

Disabled Student Services

Disabled Student Services, a part of the Academic Resource Center, provides support to both learning and physically disabled students by helping them pursue their educational goals while adjusting to their new environment. The following services are provided on an individual basis:

- mobility assistance
- reading assistance
- note-taking
- alternative testing
- peer and professional counseling
- advocacy and support
- organizational skills

By assisting with university procedures such as orientation, residence hall placement, and student registration, DSS maximizes its ability

to help by interacting with other departments. The DSS also organizes and holds workshops addressing sensitivity and awareness within the university.

UMass Dartmouth policy regarding admission and access to programs prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability. While new applicants and enrolled students are not required to disclose a disability, it is highly recommended they contact the Office of Disabled Student Services to confidentially discuss accommodations that may be needed. These conferences are kept entirely separate from the admissions decision, and enable students to determine if UMass Dartmouth can meet their needs. The information will be used in accordance with 34 Code of Federal Regulations Part 104.

The Director of Disabled Student Services is Carole J. Johnson. The Office is located on the Ground Floor of Group I, room 016. Inquiries are invited by phone at 508 999-8711 or by e-mail to cjohnson@umassd.edu

Counseling Center

The Counseling and Student Development Center offers a safe, supportive place for students to explore concerns, clarify choices, and develop action plans. Services are free and confidential. Students can make an appointment by calling 508 999-8648, or students can walk in and be seen immediately between 12:30 and 2:00 pm each working day. The Center is located in the Auditorium Annex and open from 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday.

The Center provides individual counseling for personal issues such as relationship problems, homesickness, adjustment to college life, bereavement, depression, poor self-esteem, anger management, procrastination, anxiety, eating disorders, ADD, learning disabilities, academic problems, and test anxiety. A consulting psychiatrist is available to see students who might benefit from a trial of medication. In addition, each semester several personal growth or support groups are offered. Career interest testing and help in choosing a major are also available.

Workshops are offered each semester on topics such as leadership skills, assertiveness, time management, improving your memory, preparing for graduate school, and other topics important to success in college. Students may use the Center's self-help library of books, handouts, videos, and pamphlets as well as an educational resource library with information on graduate and undergraduate institutions and testing programs for entry into graduate

and professional programs. The Center also offers a support group for graduate students working on a dissertation or thesis.

International Student Services

The functions of the International Student Center are described on the previous page. The Center is located in Pine Dale Residence Hall, Suite 7123, and may be reached by telephone at 508-910-6633, e-mail cbruen@umassd.edu.

Child Care

The Children's Center for Learning, a licensed, professionally staffed early learning facility, is available for the children of students, faculty, and staff. To be eligible for enrollment, children must be between two years and nine months and six years old. Hours are from 7:30 am. to 5:00 pm. on all days when the university is in session during the academic year. The Center is located in the Residence Halls, Phase IIIA. Additional information is available from the Director at 508-999-8873.

UMass Dartmouth Campus Store

The University Campus Store, located on the ground floor of the Campus Center, carries required and recommended textbooks, reference books, computer hardware, software, general school supplies, school-name clothing, and a good selection of sundries and gift items. Textbooks go on sale in August for the fall semester and in early January for the spring semester. Special order service is offered for hard-to-find books. Call 508 999-8180 for complete information on store hours, textbook returns, and book buy-back, or visit umassd.edu/campusstore

Student Organizations and Activities

The university encourages its students to engage in activities beyond those for their formal studies. At UMass Dartmouth, the variety of available activities is typical of a university, yet the opportunities for individual involvement resemble those of a smaller campus.

The many student organizations, clubs, and formal activities of the university include student government; social action, ethnic, and religious organizations; musical groups; publications; and clubs and societies based on the university's academic interests. The *General Catalogue* gives additional information; and the *Student Handbook*, published yearly, describes the many organizations and activities and gives information about participation.

The following brief descriptions focus on aspects that may be of more interest to graduate students. Graduate students are welcome to participate as broadly as they wish in the activities and organizations of the institution.

Student Government

Students hold office in various organizations that govern the campus, and they serve on committees that determine policies and directions for many aspects of campus life.

The Student Senate is the major governing body and offers a forum for debate on matters of importance to the student body. The Senate also appoints students to membership on a wide range of university committees. Students are active, voting participants on many of the committees that recommend policies and regulate procedures for academic as well as social aspects of the university. A student is also elected to the Board of Trustees of the University of Massachusetts.

Student Activities

Acting as liaison between the campus and over 100 student organizations, the **Office of Student Activities** also coordinates the registration process for student organizations, implements the posting policy, and coordinates the creation and distribution of a monthly activities calendar. The **Campus Activities Board** is a student-run group that provides the majority of programs and events offered to the campus community, from concerts to trips, comedy shows to dances. Students are invited to join the Campus Activities Board to participate in the planning of events and gain valuable experience that complements their academic studies.

Religious Resource Center

Campus Ministry coordinates the religious activities and serves the spiritual needs of the university community. Clergy and ministers from major religious denominations provide opportunities for worship, spiritual direction and counseling, and special programs. The office is located on the second floor of the Campus Center—phone 508 999-8872. The university hosts a Catholic Student Organization (8872), UMass Dartmouth Christian Fellowship (8584), Episcopal/Protestant Ministry (8875), and Jewish Student Center/Hillel (9241).

Women's Resource Center

The information and services offered by the Women's Resource Center (WRC) reflect the interests and concerns of women: health, social, and legal issues. The center provides

cultural opportunities that further women's personal and professional development and promotes a broader understanding of the diverse experiences of all women. The WRC acts as a central coordinating agency for campus and community groups.

The Center offers programs on women's health, political activism, diversity, violence against women, and sisterhood. Each semester the WRC sponsors discussion groups, forums, and workshops on topics such as sexual harassment, gender equity, racism, women's ways of leading, motherhood, ageism, and sex.

The WRC has a variety of resources including:

- a library containing more than 600 books, references, and recent publications
- videos
- a lounge for group or classroom use
- conference room for meetings

The WRC is a member of the Women's Centers Caucus of the National Women's Studies Association. The Center can provide information on nationally scheduled events which are held throughout the year, such as reproductive rights conferences, women's conferences, and political rallies. Information is also available on lectures and events in nearby communities. The center collaborates closely with the university's Women's Studies Program.

The Women's Resource Center is open year round and is located in Pine Dale Hall. The director is Juli L. Parker, phone 508 910-4584.

Frederick Douglass Unity House

The Frederick Douglass Unity House is the first cultural center established on the UMass Dartmouth campus, opening in September of 1995. The mission of the Unity House is to institutionalize on the UMass Dartmouth campus an environment which nourishes the special academic, cultural, informational and social/communal needs of students, faculty and staff of color. All students, faculty, and staff are welcomed and encouraged to share in the development of this vital organization.

The facility provides a culturally focused library, study area, computer facilities, meeting/conference room, and lounge. Students play a major role in the operation of the center by creating programs and events that help to achieve the mission of the center. All members of the university community, especially students, are encouraged to develop activities that will assist the Unity House to fulfill its goals and mission as well as celebrate diversity at UMass Dartmouth. The Unity House is

located in Resident Dining Building, phone 508 999-9220.

MassPIRG

The Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group is a state-wide, nonprofit and nonpartisan organization directed solely by students. MassPIRG has two basic goals: to research and promote solutions to important social problems at the local, state, and national levels; and to teach students civic values through a variety of project and internship opportunities. As approved by the university's student government and Trustees, the public-interest work of this organization is supported by a waivable fee. Call 508 999-8169.

Athletics

The university is a member of National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), Division III, the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC), the Little East Conference (LEC), the New England Football Conference (NEFC), and the New England Women's Lacrosse Alliance (NEWLA). The university fields intercollegiate teams for men in baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, swimming and diving, tennis, and track and field (indoor and outdoor). Intercollegiate teams for women are fielded in basketball, cheerleading, cross country, equestrian, golf, field hockey, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field (indoor and outdoor), volleyball, and water polo.

The Director of Athletics is Robert Mullen. One may contact the department at 508 999-8720.

Intramural and Instructional Athletics

Intramural opportunity for all students is provided in basketball, cross country, flag football, co-ed soccer, swimming, tennis, volleyball, water basketball, water polo, softball, and co-ed softball. Non-credit courses are offered at convenient times for all interested students in the following: aerobics, step aerobics, weight training, fencing, swimming, endurance swimming, water aerobics, first aid, lifesaving, WSI, scuba, CPR, kayaking, and Tae Kwan Do.

Facilities

Facilities are available for recreational use by students throughout the school year. They include the fitness center, gymnasium, swimming pools, running track, various athletic fields, and tennis courts. Equipment is also available. Schedules are available in the Tripp Athletic Center or by calling 508 910-6910.

Student Health and Student Safety

Student Health Office

The Health Services Office is located in Elmwood Hall, phone 508 999-8982. During the academic year, a physician and nurse practitioner(s) are on duty each class day. Two registered nurses, a consulting dermatologist, and a consulting nutritionist are also on staff. This office is equipped to handle most health related problems students may encounter while at UMass Dartmouth. Referrals are made to community resources when appropriate.

All services are available to all students through the Student Health Fee. The Health Office is concerned with the total well-being of each student and is committed to health education and disease prevention. Also, Health Services contracts for student health insurance. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires university students to have comprehensive health insurance, and information regarding coverage is included with each student's tuition statement. See the chapter on Expenses for the policies on the university's health insurance requirements.

Alcohol and Drug Education Program

The Alcohol and Drug Education program

- supports students and staff in demonstrating responsible conduct regarding alcohol and drugs;
- promotes attitudes and behaviors regarding alcohol and drugs which create a university atmosphere of civility and discourage any behavior that is abusive to oneself or others; and
- provides, consultation, evaluation, intervention, support groups, and referral services to students.

Department of Public Safety

The Department of Public Safety provides twenty-four hour a day protection of the entire campus and individuals on the campus. Our police officers are vested with full law enforcement powers, identical to the local police in the community. The Officers are trained at the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Academy and also receive annual in-service and specialized training in such aspects as first-aid, CPR, defense tactics, legal updates, evidence gathering, traffic control, and investigations.

The University provides the "DART," a shuttle van for on-campus safety transportation. The service begins at 5:30 each night and ends at 2:00 am, 7 days a week. When there are special events on campus, extended service is provided for one half-hour after the event

closes. There is a pre-set route that takes approximately 20 minutes to complete. DART service stops are designated with a sign and are located at the residence halls, the campus center, the gym, Cedar Dell, and the library. The DART does not respond to special requests for transportation except to provide direct service for disabled students.

Any student, faculty, staff or visitor may report a potential criminal action and emergency on campus by calling 9191 for emergencies or 8107 for the police dispatcher.

Crime Statistics

A list of campus crime statistics for the previous three-year period is available from the Department of Public Safety upon request and through the pamphlet, *A Guide to Campus Safety and Law Enforcement*.

Emergency Call Boxes

An emergency telephone system is provided on campus. These emergency telephones are in strategic locations around campus and are easily identified by their distinctive orange containers as well as by their bright blue light during the nighttime. The emergency phones are connected directly to the police dispatch desk. No dialing is required. They may also be used to summon an escort.

Public Safety Programs

A unit in the Department of Public Safety is the Investigations and Crime Prevention Unit. Officers who specialize in selected crime prevention duties staff this section. Programs available through the Crime Prevention section include a the DART shuttle, Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) course for women, Operation I.D., Alcohol Awareness, and Anti-drunk Driving Workshops.

Safety or Health Issues

Students should report any personal health conditions such as allergies, pregnancies, and heart or respiratory problems, which would make them a high risk in certain laboratories or classes, to the Health Office and appropriate faculty. Safety is monitored carefully in classes and laboratories in chemistry, biology, medical technology, physics, and studio arts that may contain or use chemicals, bacteria, viruses, silica, asbestos, x-ray, radiation or animals, which under normal conditions are harmless but may affect persons with high risk conditions. Wayne LeBlanc, at 508 999-8242, is the university's Safety Officer.

Students should report to the Health Office, the Office of Facilities and Physical Plant, the Campus Police, or the appropriate department

chairpersons anything on campus that could be hazardous.

Parking on Campus

All members of the university community wishing to use their cars on campus must register with the Department of Public Safety and receive a parking sticker. Residence students may keep a vehicle on campus, upon payment of a fee.

Parking decals are available at Mass Pass located in the campus center. Decals for handicapped parking will be issued at the Department of Public Safety; all wishing permits for handicapped parking must register there.

Campus Housing

Most UMass Dartmouth graduate students commute from residences or apartments in the area. Reasonable apartment or house rentals are available near the campus and at driving distance in surrounding communities. Students who wish assistance in locating an appropriate rental may come to the Office of Housing and Residential Life, which maintains a listing service.

Graduate and advanced undergraduate students are eligible for the Cedar Dell student apartments. Preference for on-campus housing is given to full-time undergraduate students, however, and spaces for living on campus are filled well in advance of the start of the academic year. *Those wishing to live on campus should make application by March 15 of the previous spring.* Application to live on campus is made to the Office of Housing and Student Life, telephone 508 999-8140.

More information is available in the UMass Dartmouth *General Catalogue* or can be obtained through the UMass Dartmouth web site. The Office of Housing and Residential Life, located in Residence Hall IIIA, is responsible for all phases of resident living on campus.

Programs, Faculty, and Courses

The chapters that follow describe each separate UMass Dartmouth graduate program.

Each lists faculty, describes emphases of the program and resources available, gives information about admission and financial assistance, conveys requirements for the degree, indicates a person or persons to contact, and then lists courses.

We invite you to contact the person or persons identified to discuss how your interests and abilities may match what we offer.

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