EMERGENCY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Thanks to our generous UMassD alumni and friends, the University is able to offer additional emergency funding for ALL students (undergraduate students and graduate students) affected by the current COVID-19 pandemic – awards are typically for no more than $1,000.00 and do not have to be repaid. Apply online: https://umassdartmouth.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0qyJZuS32svi3Jj. There is no specific deadline by which you must apply for this funding. Please contact Lena Reddick at lreddick@umassd.edu with questions.

Additionally, the Graduate Student Senate (GSS) is offering need-based COVID-19 Relief Funding specifically for graduate students – applications must be done online by next Sunday, April 19th. If you are a current degree-seeking UMassD graduate student who has experienced financial hardship due to unusual circumstances caused by the coronavirus, you should apply! And if you AREN’T planning to apply for funding, please consider joining our COVID-19 Relief Funding Committee! We are looking for more committee members to help review and evaluate the applications. Full details and the application link can be found online at: https://sites.google.com/view/umassdgss/funding/covid19-relief-funding. If you have any questions or issues with the webpage or application, please email us at gss@umassd.edu.

ACADEMIC POLICY CHANGES (GRADING AND DEADLINES)

For the spring 2020 semester, students will be allowed to:

- withdraw (W) from a course until April 29, 2020;
- request an Incomplete (I) until May 9, 2020; and
- select a Pass/No Credit (P/NC) option until May 15, 2020.

These options allow students to evaluate their individual academic and financial circumstances and determine the best path forward.

Please note that to graduate, undergraduate students must have completed the minimum number of credits required for their degree and have a final cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better. Graduate students must have completed the minimum number of credits required for their degree and have a final cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better. Specific college/school or departmental requirements may also apply. Students should consult with their advisor.

The university is working with the deans, Registrar and Financial Aid Offices, on implementation details, ensuring that students will not be impacted by unanticipated consequences. Additional information on the new Pass/No Credit Option will be provided to the campus community this week.
ACCESS TO WI-FI

If you do not have access to the internet please be aware, Comcast is providing access to the internet and free hotspots for the next 60 days starting Monday, March 16th. You can get access to the free Wi-Fi program by contacting Comcast [https://www.internetessentials.com](https://www.internetessentials.com).

ACADEMIC ADVISING

As always, **Engineering Student Support & Services** (ES³) remains ‘virtually’ available to assist students and faculty during this time. We are available, Monday – Friday from 8a until 4:30p for students and faculty to contact us by e-mail ([coesupport@umassd.edu](mailto:coesupport@umassd.edu)), or phone, and face-to-face meetings will be available via Zoom (click [here](https://www.umassd.edu/engineering/support) to schedule an appointment). [www.umassd.edu/engineering/support](http://www.umassd.edu/engineering/support).

COVID-19 UPDATES

For updated information from the University on COVID-19 and UMassD visit [https://www.umassd.edu/emergency/coronavirus/](https://www.umassd.edu/emergency/coronavirus/). This site should be checked often for updates that are relevant to campus operations during this time.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Student support services are still available to assist you. Academic Affairs has produced the following guide so you can prepare for online delivery and access support. [Guide for preparing for online learning](https://instructionaldev.umassd.edu/mycoursesstudents/).

Assistance is available for Mycourses - [https://instructionaldev.umassd.edu/mycoursesstudents/](https://instructionaldev.umassd.edu/mycoursesstudents/).

Remember, it is especially important that you keep the lines of communication open with your professors, advisor, and ES³. Your professors will be your best source for necessary class information during this period of online instruction.

Check out this YouTube Video on [How to be a successful online student](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=example_video_id) (about 10 minutes, but well worth the look).

Campus academic support services are available to help as you continue your coursework online. These offices include Registration & Financial Services, Academic Advising (ES³), Library, and Tutoring Services.

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

Center for Access and Success and classroom accommodations – students should reach out to their professors to initiate the conversation regarding how your accommodations will be applied for the rest of the semester. There is additional information available on their website - [https://www.umassd.edu/dss/](https://www.umassd.edu/dss/).
UMASS DARTMOUTH CORSAIR DESKTOP (SOFTWARE ACCESS)

Corsair Desktop allows access to a virtual computer that has university-licensed software from any computer with an Internet connection. Corsair Desktop is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

For more information, please visit: https://www.umassd.edu/cits/corsairdesktop/corsair-desktop-for-engineering/.

Vendors offer time-limited, free access to licensed software for self-installation on personal computers: https://www.umassd.edu/cits/free-software/

FACULTY & TA OFFICE HOURS & ACTIVE LEARNING SESSIONS

Many of our faculty and TAs are hosting hours in Zoom. You should check each of your MyCourses pages for specific information.

**MTH 153/154/213** - All TAs will provide zoom meetings and Webassign HW tutoring to help students. Each TA will focus on helping the students of her/his section. Each TA will offer about 5 hours of Zoom each week as well as allowing a couple of hours for emails, etc. See your MyCourses site for the schedule.

**Active Learning** – will continue in those engineering classes that offer it. The College is exploring options within Zoom and should have more information to share with students by the end of this week (March 27th).

TUTORING CENTERS

The STEM Learning Lab is offering (free) online tutoring. The hours of online tutoring are Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M. Please note that online tutoring must be scheduled. You may schedule through the portal via Tutor Trac (here is a video with steps). Please know they are here to support you and help you thrive academically in these challenging times.

The Multiliteracy and Communication Center (MCC) will be offering online-only tutoring appointments to provide assistance to all UMassD students. All online tutoring sessions are conducted synchronously. This means that students can meet with a tutor in "real time" in a manner similar to a face-to-face session. Steps on how to schedule an online tutoring session are available on their website.

REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER AND FALL 2020 CLASSES

Registration for **summer classes** is open. Connect with your faculty advisor via email about whether you should consider a summer class. If you are looking to take a summer course at another community college or university, you need to submit a Prior Approval Form to ensure the course you are planning on taking is equivalent to the UMassD course. ES3 can assist with this process.

Registration for **fall classes** will begin in April. Your enrollment appointment is posted in COIN and is based on your earned (not attempted) credits. Prior to your enrollment date, you should make arrangements to connect (virtually) with your faculty advisor to review your course plans for fall and have the advising hold removed. You should also check COIN for any other holds you may have. Reach out to ES3 if you have questions.
HEALTH AND WELLNESS INFORMATION

The Counseling Center staff will be working remotely through Tuesday, April 7th in response to Gov. Charlie Baker's "Stay at Home" order. Their website will be updated when there is further news regarding our availability for in-person appointments. Please review their website for additional information.

This is a stressful time and everyone at UMass Dartmouth wants to ensure you are able to finish the semester strongly. The Student Affairs Office has provided some tips and activities to help you through these difficult times. Student wellness tips and activities

Arnie's Cupboard Emergency Access - During the weeks ahead, until the campus returns to normal operation, Arnie's Cupboard will be available, on an "as needed" basis to those with emergency food needs, by contacting the Student Affairs office at 508-910-6402.