Who Will Live Here?

- All First-Year Students
- Will live in one of 12 Engagement Communities
- Transfer Students
- Returning UMassD Students
Opened In August 2020

Balsam
North building closest to Facilities and Campus Police

Spruce
South building closest to Foster and Lot 9

The Grove
Dining facility in the middle of two buildings

1,210 Beds (605 people per building)
548 Double bedrooms
72 Single bedrooms
34 Resident Assistants
2 Live-In Professional Residential Education Staff
2 Faculty-In-Residence
Balsam & Spruce Double Room

176 sq. ft.

Two twin XL beds with mattresses
Two 2-drawer dressers
Two desks
Two chairs
Two built-in closet areas
  *Each roommate will receive 1 of each item

Key card access
Wireless internet
Digital cable access

Rates can be viewed at https://www.umassd.edu/housing/room-dining-rates/
Balsam & Spruce Single Room

130 sq. ft.

A twin XL bed with mattress
One 2-drawer dresser
A desk
A chair
A built-in closet area

Key card access
Wireless internet
Digital cable access

Rates can be viewed at https://www.umassd.edu/housing/room-dining-rates
Bathroom Set-up

Gender Neutral Bathroom Areas
2 Bathroom Areas per building section
• 3 Open area sinks
• 2 Toilet rooms with lockable doors
• 1 Shower room with lockable door
• 1 Shower & toilet room with lockable door

Bathrooms cleaned by housekeeping staff
# Hall Amenities

## Residential Services
- Gender Neutral Bathrooms
- Study Rooms
- Practice & Performance Rooms
- Maker Spaces
- Business Center with Free Printing
- Free Laundry Facilities
- Residential Gathering Lounges
- Vending Machines
- Community Kitchens

## University Services
- Welcome Center
- Classrooms
- University Offices
First Year Engagement Community Learning Objectives

• Students will connect socially and academically within the residential areas with each other throughout the academic year.
• Students will connect socially and academically within the residential areas with faculty and staff throughout the academic year.
• Students will get to know and interact with a cohort of students who share a common academic major or area of interest in a residential learning community
• Students will engage in inclusive communities where respect for diversity of ideas and backgrounds exist
• Students will participate in a broad range of programs that are geared toward community and civic engagement
• Students will develop skills to assist them in their transition from matriculation to graduation
Engagement Communities

Please visit https://www.umassd.edu/housing/living-on-campus/engagement-communities/ for more information about each community.

- Art in the Community
- Business Savvy
- Diversity & Inclusion
- Engineering & Computer Sciences
- Women in Engineering
- Exploring UMassD
- Healthy Living
- Honors Students
- Intensive Study
- Leadership
- Nursing & Medical Laboratory
- Service & Sustainability
- Sylvia Rivera (Gender Inclusive)
- Transfer Students
The Grove

• Seating for 800
  • 2 floors
  • Quiet Lounge
  • Fireplace Area
  • Outdoor Patio Seating

• Multiple Stations with wide variety of food
• Purchasing options with Grove Points, Corsair Cash, UMD Dollars, Cash & Credit

• Who can eat here?
  • All Students (Residents & Commuters)
  • Faculty & Staff
  • Guests
The Grove is our all-you-care-to-eat dining facility.
• Weekdays from 7am – 8pm
• Weekends from 10am – 8pm.

8 Hot Entrée Stations
• All day breakfast area where you can make your own waffles, enjoy a variety of cereals, and more!
• Full Deli
• Salad Bar
Dining Plans

• UMass Dartmouth Residents with less than 48 credit hours are required to select the Unlimited or Unlimited+ Meal Membership.

• UMass Dartmouth Residents with more than 48 credits can select the Unlimited and Upperclass plan memberships.

• Plans include:
  • Grove points (can only be used at the Grove)
  • Corsair Cash which can be used at all other dining locations just like cash.

• Do you have an allergy or special dietary need? Please visit our [Allergy and Special Dietary Needs](#) page.
Deposit Information

• New Students pay $200 Matriculation & $200 Housing Reserve
• Residents have until May 1st to cancel their contract and receive a $200 refund
• After May 1st, student will not receive the housing reserve refund.
Student Bills

• Students will receive 2 separate semester bills
  • UMassD (tuition, student fees, dining, etc…)
  • Balsam & Spruce (cost of room)

• UMassD bill
  • Will show $200 Housing Reserve Deposit
  • Housing Reserve Deposit will act as a credit towards UMassD billable charges on the Fall bill unless forfeited
  • Will not see any housing charges on the UMassD bill

• Balsam & Spruce bill
  • Will show the total charge for housing only on the term

• Students/families need to remit payment separately
How Will I Receive My Bill

UMass Dartmouth

- Email to UMassD account to check My.UMassD Portal to Pay on COIN

Balsam & Spruce Housing

- Emailed to UMassD account
- Paper bills may be delivered to a student’s room if there is an open balance
- Students can check balance on Entrata ResidentPortal
Financial Aid

Housing is taken into consideration for financial aid packages. This includes eligible grants and loans offered.

If a student receives aid beyond their tuition costs, they are encouraged to have their aid transferred to Balsam & Spruce Housing.

When completing the housing application, students will indicate, via the housing charges authorization form, if they permit UMassD to transfer financial aid funds.
We highly recommend students select “I Do” for any excess financial aid to be directly transferred to their Balsam & Spruce bill.

If the student selects “I Do Not” or if there’s an open balance after the financial transfer; the student is responsible to maintain a zero balance.

The "I Do" and "I Do Not" statement are on the next slide for easier viewing.
Housing Charge Authorization Statement

Authorize
I DO authorize UMass Dartmouth to hold and manage my financial aid credit balance as described above to be used to satisfy my housing charges. I understand that any funds remaining after the housing charges are paid in full will be remitted back to me (or parent in case of a PLUS Loan) within 14 days.

*Highly Recommended

Do Not Authorize
I DO NOT authorize UMass Dartmouth to hold and manage my financial aid credit balance as described above to be used to satisfy my housing charges. I understand that I am responsible for paying Greystar directly for my housing expenses. Please refer to your housing/dining agreement.
Questions
We are here to help…
Q: How do I sign my contract and select a room/roommate?

A: Students who have paid their housing reserve deposit can go to the Housing Portal and sign their contract and select their room in addition to a roommate. We have created a two-part video for students to follow along.

Housing Selection Incoming Students Part 1

Housing Selection Incoming Students Part 2
Q: Does Honors have their own area?

A: All First-Year students are required to select an Engagement Community. For example, one of the communities is Honors. All first-year Honors students who select Honors as their Engagement Community will live in the same building and will be housed near each other. Residents are encouraged to review each Engagement Community description to help students select the best option for themselves. For more information about the different Engagement Communities, please visit the Housing website.
Q: What can students bring to decorate?

A: All furniture in the room must stay in the room and cannot be removed. A list of suggested and prohibitive items can be found on our [What to Bring](#) page. We recommend students review the [Housing Handbook](#) for more information regarding size and item restrictions including a full list of prohibited items.
Q: When is Move-In?

A: Move-in for Balsam & Spruce is the weekend before classes start. Please visit our website at https://www.umassd.edu/housing/ for more information. Housing will send out more information about Move-In times, locations, and other general information as we get closer to the date.

Please remember to check your UMassD email at least once a week over the summer/breaks for any updated information.
Do you have an unanswered question?

Please review our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page on First Year and Transfer Students for Balsam and Spruce Housing.

If you still have an unanswered question...
Send us an email!

- Housing
  - Housing@umassd.edu
- Balsam & Spruce Bill/Payment
  - nmotta@umassd.edu
- Dining
  - dining@umassd.edu
- UEC
  - uec@umassd.edu
- Financial Aid
  - Financialaid@umassd.edu
- Bursar's Office
  - Bursars@umassd.edu
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Floor Plans

Balsam & Spruce artist renderings
Site plan is an artist's rendering and may vary in dimension or detail. All dimensions and distances are approximate. Please see a representative for details.