

The Students

UMass Boston students come from all the communities of Metropolitan Boston, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, all over the US, and from other countries. Their extraordinary diversity makes UMass Boston an exciting and dynamic place to learn. Some are recent high school graduates, while some are older individuals returning to an interrupted college career or starting college for the first time. The median age of CLA/CSM undergraduates is 25 years. The student body is comprised of approximately equal numbers of men and women, and minority communities are well represented. Many students work outside the University and combine their academic studies with family and work responsibilities.

Students in the MBA Program come from colleges and universities throughout the world. These students bring to their studies a level of maturity and experience gained through years of work in both the private and public sectors. For them, the MBA means an education in professional management that can combine with their areas of interest to open a wide variety of career opportunities.

Financial Assistance

The University offers a financial aid program of grants, scholarships, loans, and job opportunities. Prospective students are encouraged to apply for financial assistance when applying for admission. For further information, write or call: Office of Financial Aid Services, University of Massachusetts Boston, 100 Morrissey Boulevard, Boston, MA. 02125-3393 (617-287-6300). If eligible, students in the Joint BA or BS/MBA Program can receive undergraduate financial aid until they complete 120 courses credits.

The University of Massachusetts Boston

UMass Boston, part of the five-member University of Massachusetts system, is an urban public university. Large enough to offer a broad range of academic choices, the University is also small enough to maintain a closeness of community.

The UMass Boston campus is home to the College of Liberal Arts, the College of Sciences and Mathematics, and the College of Management, as well as the Colleges of Public and Community Service, Nursing and Health Sciences, the Graduate College of Education, and the McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies. The campus is three miles south of downtown Boston, adjacent to the JFK Library and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Archives, and is easy to reach by public or private transportation. A free shuttle bus connects the University with the JFK UMass Station on the Red Line. Those traveling by car take the Southeast Expressway to Exit 14 (coming from the south) or Exit 15 (coming from the north or west). Indoor and outdoor parking is available.

The modern campus facilities include research and teaching laboratories, a greenhouse, two theaters, an art gallery, an observatory, extensive computer facilities, the Healey Library, and the Campus Center. Athletic facilities include an ice rink, a pool, racquetball, squash, and tennis courts, and an eight-lane outdoor track. Students also have access to a small fleet of sailboats.

There are in addition, many opportunities for a rich and satisfying student life at UMass Boston. Concerts, lectures, and plays are sponsored by a wide variety of campus organizations, and the rich cultural resources of Boston are also at hand.

Further information

For more information about the Joint BA or BS/MBA Program, call or write the Assistant University Director for Undergraduate Education at the Office of Undergraduate Education, (617) 287-6330 or the MBA Program Office (617) 287-7720, UMass Boston, 100 Morrissey Boulevard, Boston, MA 02125-3393.

A sample five-year curriculum for a student in the program might consist of the following:

At the Undergraduate level:

- * Two semesters of freshman writing
- * First Year Seminar
- * Intermediate Seminar
- * Quantitative Reasoning
- * Eleven distribution courses including foreign language proficiency for the BA, and a calculus course as required for admission into the MBA program
- * Two courses addressing historical, political, and cultural diversity
- * The CLA/CSM major course requirements
- * Elective courses

At the graduate level:

* **Eight core courses:**

- Managerial Economics
- Accounting for Managers
- Financial Management
- Statistical Analysis for Managers
- Operations Management
- Computers/Information Systems
- Organizational Analysis & Skills
- Marketing Management

* **Two upper level required courses**

* **Eight elective courses**

Admission to the Program

The Joint BA or BS/MBA Program is open to undergraduate students majoring in any CLA/CSM department that offers a BA or BS degree. Interested CLA/CSM students must apply to the Joint BA or BS/MBA Program upon completion of **60 credits**, as least 30 of which must have been earned in residence at UMass Boston. **All undergraduate course requirements must be completed prior to enrolling in any MBA course.**

Admission to the program is competitive and by application only. Applicants must complete the graduate admissions application; take the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT); and arrange to have their application, transcripts, GMAT score, resume, and three letters of recommendation sent to the Office of Graduate Admissions. Letters of recommendation should be requested from faculty members or from supervisors at work.

Applications are available from the College of Management Graduate Program Office and the University's Office of Graduate Admissions, and are reviewed by the MBA Program Admissions Committee. Application deadlines are **June 1 for the fall semester and November 1 for the spring semester.**

To be considered for graduate study, University policy requires an undergraduate GPA of at least 2.75 for admission to any UMass Boston graduate program. Applicants are expected to meet this requirement at the time they are admitted to the Joint BA or BS/MBA Program.

The Faculty

The faculty of CLA/CSM and CM are trained at the great universities of the world and are actively engaged in scholarly research. Among them are many holders of important professional grants, awards and fellowships. The pursuit of excellence in scholarship goes hand in hand with the pursuit of excellence in teaching, and the faculty of UMass Boston is, above all, a teaching faculty. Unlike many institutions where much of the undergraduate teaching is done by graduate students and teaching assistants, UMass Boston bases its curriculum largely on classroom instruction by its regular faculty. This is also true in the MBA program.



THE JOINT BACCALAUREATE/MBA (BA OR BS/MBA) PROGRAM OF THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS, THE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS, AND THE COLLEGE OF MANAGEMENT

The UMass Boston Colleges of Liberal Arts, Science and Mathematics, and Management collaborate in offering a five-year Baccalaureate/MBA degree program. This plan of study prepares students for careers in a business world that is increasingly coming to recognize that a substantial Arts & Sciences education is invaluable preparation for a managerial career. The broad foundation provided by the liberal arts degree will only gain in importance as we continue to develop a more global perspective in international relations, commerce, and strategic planning.

This combined degree program provides a very attractive opportunity for students who are interested in pursuing managerial careers, built on the solid foundation of **an Arts & Sciences discipline** and who are both able and motivated to undertake an intensive and demanding course of study. This degree should prove equally useful for students who are **majoring in the sciences** and may wish to pursue a career in industrial management, and students in the **fine arts** who may be interested in marketing, producing, managing artistic enterprises.

The Program

The Joint Baccalaureate/MBA program consists of **150 credits (96 undergraduate CLA/CSM credits and 54 graduate MBA credits)** that can be completed in **five years plus one summer of full-time study**. Many students, however, carry less than a full course load and complete the program at a slower rate.

The highly structured Baccalaureate curriculum ensures that graduates are intellectually prepared for business settings that are growing more multicultural and multilingual. Students are advised to use their undergraduate distribution and elective courses to learn at least **one foreign language**; to acquire a background in diverse areas of **history, politics, and culture**; and to build a sound basis, through relevant studies of **philosophy**, for ethical business practices. They are required to have successfully completed a **calculus** course, with a grade of at least a **"B"**. The course must have been taken no more than five years before they apply to the program.

The MBA curriculum consists of **eight core courses, two upper-level required courses and eight electives**. All students must maintain an **overall 3.0 GPA in graduate management courses**. Students may choose a **specialization** in which to complete some of their electives, from areas including **Accounting, Environmental Management, Finance, Human Resources Management, International Management, Internet Marketing, Management Information Systems, Marketing, and Operations Management**. For the specialization in International Management two additional electives and proficiency in a second language are required.

On completing all requirements, the student is awarded two separate degrees, the BA or BS, and the MBA. A student, who completes all CLA/CSM requirements but not all the required MBA graduate courses, will graduate with only a BA or BS degree. CLA/CSM may choose to accept some completed MBA courses toward the undergraduate degree.