Pre-Collegiate Youth Programs

UMass Boston has a long-standing commitment to pre-collegiate programs, spanning 37 years, with a number of programs currently serving over 1,600 community youth, including gifted and talented, special needs, ESL, low-income, and first-generation students.

The Admission Guaranteed Program guarantees admission to UMass Boston for students at Burke, Dorchester, and South Boston high schools who take college-prep classes and pass with at least a 2.75 grade point average. www.agp.umb.edu.

GoKids Boston works to improve the health, wellness, and overall outlook of pre-teens and teens, providing personalized instruction and support to help kids become more physically active, improve fitness, eat nutritiously, and gain self-confidence. www.gokids-boston.org.

Math Science Upward Bound gives 50 low-income, first-generation high school students with potential for success in math or science the skills and motivation to enter and complete post-secondary training for those fields. www.mathscience-ub.umb.edu.

Project ALERTA is a stimulating, thematic, and guided eleven-month enrichment program for Boston public school students in grades 3–5. www.alerta.umb.edu.

Project REACH provides college and career awareness, advising, and preparation for 600 low-income middle school and high school students with disabilities and college potential. www.projectreach.umb.edu.

Talented and Gifted (TAG) serves 600 middle and high school Latino students year-round every year, helping them excel academically, socially, and personally. www.tag.umb.edu.

Upward Bound provides 100 low-income, first-generation high school students with the skills and motivation to enter and successfully complete post-secondary education. www.upwardbound.umb.edu.

Urban Scholars provides 120 talented middle school and high school students with academic enrichment and skills building, college and career advising, and cultural enrichment. The program also supports teachers and administrators. www.urbanscholars.umb.edu.

About UMass Boston

With a growing reputation for innovative research addressing complex urban issues, the University of Massachusetts Boston, metropolitan Boston’s only public university, offers its diverse student population both an intimate learning environment and the rich experience of a great American city.

UMass Boston’s eight colleges and graduate schools serve nearly 16,000 students while engaging local, national, and international constituents through academic programs, research centers, and public service activities.

As a sponsor of more than 30 research centers and institutes, UMass Boston contributes substantially to public policy discussions and formulation in areas such as economic development, social well-being, environmental affairs, and health care. UMass Boston also reaches out to the neighborhoods of its city and region through partnerships with public schools, public and private agencies, businesses, community programs, and youth organizations.

To learn more about UMass Boston, its admissions policies, and its academic programs, please visit the websites listed below.

UMass Boston Home Page www.umb.edu
Admissions Information www.umb.edu/admissions
College of Advancing and Professional Studies www.caps.umb.edu
College of Education and Human Development www.umb.edu/academics/departments/cehd
College of Liberal Arts www.umb.edu/academics/cla
College of Management www.management.umb.edu
College of Nursing and Health Sciences www.cnhs.umb.edu
College of Public and Community Service www.cpcs.umb.edu
College of Science and Mathematics www.umb.edu/academics/csm
McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies www.mccormack.umb.edu
For Our Friends and Neighbors

Mass Boston's roots go deep. Many thousands of students have come to us to learn, and have remained nearby as mainstays of their communities. It’s also true that many of our programs—from research institutes to youth development projects—directly serve the people of Greater Boston and the Commonwealth. This brochure is a brief guide to a number of UMass Boston programs that we hope will be of interest to you.

Community Relations
The Office of Community Relations serves as the liaison between the university and its neighbors, particularly business, civic, and community organizations whose missions are closely related to the mission of the university. This office closely coordinates outreach activities, responds to community interests, and addresses all community-related inquiries.

If you are interested in scheduling space on campus, please go online to www.umb.edu, click on “Schedule an Event” (under “Resources”), and then click on “Space Request Form.”

Support for Businesses and Entrepreneurs
The Greater Boston Manufacturing Partnership (GBMP) helps small and medium-sized manufacturing companies become more productive and competitive through continuous improvement education and shop-floor implementation. The GBMP has worked with hundreds of companies, providing suggestions and solutions resulting in millions in cost savings and increased sales. www.management.umb.edu/businesscenter/GBMP.php.

The Massachusetts Small Business Development Center Network (MSBDC) has its Boston Regional Office and Minority Business Center at UMass Boston. The MSBDC provides a network of resources to help entrepreneurs meet business challenges. Its services include a full range of business advising and training activities. www.sbdc.umb.edu.

The Venture Development Center (VDC) is a managed incubator for early-stage business, university, and student entrepreneurs. The VDC delivers targeted, one-to-one support to enable ventures to attract funding and grow. The VDC also offers 18,000 square feet of state-of-the-art, plug-and-play office, lab, and meeting space, shared business services, and equipment. www.umb.edu/vdc.

Athletics and Marine Operations
The Athletics Department at UMass Boston participates in 16 NCAA Division III varsity sports, with teams competing in the ECAC, the Little East Conference, and ECAC East Ice Hockey. Fans are welcome! More than 150 school, charitable, government, and private organizations also use UMass Boston athletics facilities each year. www.beaconsathletics.com.

The Marine Operations Division provides transportation to students, staff, and faculty for various research and recreational purposes. It also provides docking, mooring, and training to boaters and sailors and maintains a fleet of vessels available for charter. www.umb.edu/umb/marineops.

Continuing Education
The College of Advancing and Professional Studies is committed to adult learners with a diversity of interests and needs, which vary from focused short-term, non-credit training to wide-ranging, long-term academic under-graduate and graduate professional degrees. Whether the program is offered in a remote setting, on campus or online, during the evening or on weekends, whether it takes into consideration an adult student’s previous college experience or addresses the needs of students who are attending college for the first time, the College of Advancing and Professional Studies is focused on providing quality education in a form that is relevant and accessible to all. http://www.umb.edu/academics/caps/.

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) is part of a nationwide (and worldwide) movement of institutes for learners aged 50 and older who are retired or partially retired. OLLI provides a learning experience at a modest cost that will enrich the intellectual, social, and cultural lives of people who share a love of lifelong learning. www.OLLI.umb.edu.

Research and Community Development
The Boston-area Advanced Technological Education Connections (BATEC) is developing and supporting a coordinated, self-sustaining, regional IT education and workforce system—one that will attract a diverse student population to IT careers, promote lifelong learning of technical skills, and support the IT workforce needs of our region. Led by UMass Boston and partnering with six community colleges and over thirty school districts and industry collaborators, BATEC is helping to prepare the 21st century workforce. www.BATEC.org.

The Center for Social Development and Education is a multidisciplinary research and training institute that promotes the social development of children with disabilities and increases their success in school and the community, while simultaneously working to eliminate the attitudinal barriers that limit opportunities for their full participation in society. www.csde.umb.edu.

The Institute for Asian American Studies brings together resources and expertise from both the campus and the community to conduct research on Asian Americans, promote Asian American community development, and support Asian American studies on campus. www.iass.umb.edu.

The Mauricio Gastón Institute works to inform policy makers about issues vital to the state’s growing Latino community and to provide this community with the information and analysis necessary for effective participation in public policy development. www.gaston.umb.edu.

The Urban Harbors Institute offers technical assistance and advisory services in fields such as urban planning, coastal and harbor planning, natural resource management, marine industry master planning, water transportation, and geographical information systems. www.uhi.umb.edu.

The William Joiner Center promotes research, curriculum development, public events, and educational, cultural, and humanitarian exchanges that foster greater understanding and innovative means of addressing the consequences of war. www.joinercenter.umb.edu.

The William Monroe Trotter Institute addresses the needs and concerns of the black community and communities of color in Boston and Massachusetts through research, technical assistance, and public service to community groups, organizations, and public agencies. www.trotter.umb.edu.

For more information about these and other community programs, call or write Community Relations at 617.287.5310 or community.relations@umb.edu, or visit www.umb.edu/in_the_community/community_relations/.