Join the Freshman Success Community Program and make friends; connect with faculty; and have a better-supported, more satisfying learning experience at UMass Boston.

Freshman Success Community students are:

- guaranteed enrollment in classes for their majors,
- more likely to graduate in four years,
- better prepared for competitive internships and research positions, and
- more connected with university resources.

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**Freshman Success Community Program**

On average, FSC participants finish their first year with a 2.9 GPA and 30 credits completed. Freshman retention numbers in the FSC Program are at least 10% higher than those for UMass Boston as a whole.

Every year, approximately 25% of FSC participants are invited to join Alpha Lambda Delta, the national Freshman Honor Society.

### BENEFITS

**You’ll feel more at home** FSC students help one another navigate through college. The program sponsors fantastic activities for you to get to know each other, like boat cruises around the Boston Harbor or going to a Celtics game.

**Registration is no problem** Even though you’ll be taking the most in-demand courses, you’ll have priority enrollment in sections reserved just for FSC students.

**You’ll be more successful** Students in the program are more likely to complete the required set of freshman science courses to be on track to graduate in four years. Program participation often translates to higher grades and a deeper appreciation for science.

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Students are placed into “communities”—small groups of students enrolled in two or three of the same introductory science courses.
- Each community is anchored by a seminar course led by experienced faculty and staff members.
- Communities have access to supplemental instruction to support their rigorous academic schedules.
- Students receive excellent support services from the Student Success Center staff and CSM faculty to ease the transition to college and assist as they move toward graduation.

### WHAT FSCs ARE AVAILABLE?

You join an FSC based on your major field of interest. FSCs are available for students interested in:

- **Biochemistry**
- **IT**
- **Biology**
- **Math**
- **Chemistry**
- **Physics**
- **Computer science**
- **Premedical studies**
- **Engineering**
- **Environmental science**

### “100% of students would choose to join an FSC if asked to do it over again.”