Welcome to your first year and the Honors College's FIND experience! FIND is a unique in- and out-of-classroom journey that will enable you to discover innovative and intriguing ways of understanding the world. FIND can help you find yourself within UMass Boston, your scholarly voice, and hopefully a commitment to a future that is satisfying and meaningful to you. To enable these discoveries, FIND helps you explore the world in an unfamiliar way, realize interests you didn't suspect you had, develop an openness towards others, build intellectual curiosity, and come to appreciate an ethic to serve the greater good. Plus, FIND helps you cultivate and refine the skills and behaviors necessary for Honors College success.

FIND contains two components. The first is core actions, which all Honors College students must complete. The second is activity involvement, which you will tailor to your own personal interests. If you’d like to propose an activity that is not listed in this brochure, you are encouraged to contact your first-year Honors English instructor in the fall and your first-year seminar instructor in the spring for permission.

Activity Documentation
We require you to collect an “artifact” from each of these ongoing or one-time activities (e.g., the agendas from the club meetings that you attended, handouts from supplemental instructions sessions, or the program from a cultural event). In addition, we depend on your integrity as an Honors College student to participate with commitment in these activities so that you will have rich material to include in your end-of-semester reflections.

Participation Reflection and Assessment
Submit your artifacts along with three reflections (250-500 words a piece), one for each of your activities at the end of the fall semester to your first-year Honors English instructor and in the spring semester to your first-year seminar instructor. Though each faculty member may weigh the reflection differently, you can expect each semester’s reflection to count for around 2-10% of your semester grade and to be due sometime in December for the fall semester and May for the spring semester. Please consult your faculty member’s syllabus for exact details. In general, your reflections should answer the following questions:

1. Why did you choose this activity?
2. How would you describe the activity you attended?
3. What did you learn from your participation?
4. How did you contribute to the activity?
5. If given the option, would you participate in this activity again? Why or why not?
6. How does this activity shape your identity as an emerging Honors College Scholar?

Support
You are strongly encouraged to consult with an Honors College Community Ambassador when selecting activities or for support with Core Actions. Ambassadors are highly trained Honors College students who are well connected to the Honors College and UMass Boston communities. They can help you construct a FIND portfolio of experiences that is fun, challenging, and rewarding.
For more information, please visit: www.umb.edu/academics/honors/FIND
CARE ACTIVITIES

Honors College Freshmen Retreat / Make-up Orientation — The retreat is a key experience to get you familiar with the Honors College's requirements and support mechanisms. Plus it’s a lot of fun and a great way to meet fellow Honors College students. If you did not attend the retreat, please contact Jason.roush@umb.edu for make-up information.

Honors College Academic Honesty Module — Academic inquiry is at the heart of the UMass Boston Honors College experience. Through this inquiry we expect you to contribute your own perspectives, building on the work of others and properly crediting them for their original ideas. To support your first steps towards this higher level of inquiry, we ask you to familiarize yourself, before 10/1, with academic honesty techniques through the completion of a Learning Module. To complete the Module, please log into BlackBoard via umb.umassonline.net Then click on “Honors College Academic Honesty Module” under your course list heading. BlackBoard is a tool that some of your classes will use, so this is also a good way to learn how to use the system.

Focus2 — Focus2 is a Web-based, personalized career and education planning system. It provides a complete picture of your interests, values, personality, and skills, using self-assessment questionnaires, interest inventories, and personality testing. Please set up a profile. To access the system please visit: www.umb.edu/academics/vpass/career_services/focus2

Common Reading — The common reading will help you appreciate the productive relationship across the physical and natural sciences, social sciences, and the humanities. Your Freshman English instructor will inform you about the common reading and let you know the date by which you should have completed it for in-class discussion in preparation for a visit by the author.

ACTIVITY INVOLVEMENT, BASED ON YOUR INDIVIDUAL INTERESTS

Involvement in one’s college experience, both within and beyond the classroom, is critical for success. To catalyze that involvement, FIND requires that in the fall of your first year you engage in one ongoing activity and two one-time activities. The program also requires that you engage in a different ongoing activity and another set of two one-time activities in the spring semester.

Ongoing Activities

- Join a Honors College affiliated student group: Honors Student Union, Write Large, and Honors Helping Hands (H3). The Honors Student Union plans many social Honors College student events. Write Large is a non-fiction literary magazine focused on publishing intellectually stimulating editorials. H3 is the Honors College’s new community service organization.
- Join an interest-based student club — UMass Boston has more than 100 student clubs, many of which revolve around “interests” such as developing computer science skills, enjoying French culture, or being an outdoor enthusiast. Club commitments can be flexible and look great on a resume. For more information regarding clubs on campus, including a full directory of groups, please visit: umb.collegiatelink.net/ and click on “Organizations.”
- Join an identity-based student group — Did you know that 52% of UMass Boston freshmen reported speaking a language other than English at home or with their families? At such a diverse institution, you can further explore your own identity or learn about the identities of other students by joining one of dozens of several identity-based student groups such as the Black Student Center, Casa Latina, or the Queer Student Center. Club commitments can be flexible and look great on a resume. For more information regarding clubs on campus, including a full directory of groups, please visit: umb.collegiatelink.net/ and click on “Organizations.”
- Join an NCCA team or intramural sport — Were you an athlete in high school? Have you always wanted to be part of a team? UMass Boston offers 16 NCCA Division III teams and scores of intramural (open to all) teams including basketball, soccer, and flag football. While some NCCA teams require recruitment, others do not. For more information about recruitment or how to join an intramural sport please visit: www.umb.edu/athletics.
- Join the Men’s Group — This group seeks to support college students who identify as male in their journey through the college experience. For more information contact the group’s advisor Liliana.Mickle@umb.edu.
- Get an on-campus job that averages at least 5 hours of work per week — Working on campus is a great way to build skills, develop a network of resources, and be in the know about what’s happening on campus, including where to get free food! Have Work-Study financial aid? Then make sure to get a job on campus to access those funds! For more information regarding jobs on campus, please visit: www.umb.edu/academics/vpass/career_services/students/job_search.
- Form a study group that meets at least once a month — For places to study in our Healey Library, visit: www.umb.edu/library/about/floor_directory/study_spaces and visit www.wikihow.com/Form-a-Study-Group for helpful study group tips.
- Attend at least five Reading, Writing, and Study Strategies Center (RWSSC) workshops or tutoring sessions — The Center supports students’ language development, with special attention to reading, writing, and thinking to succeed in entry-level university courses. Attend tutoring for one-on-one support or attend workshop sessions such as the writing process, study strategies, or time management. For more information visit (www.umb.edu/academics/vpass/academic_support/)
- Attend at least five supplemental instruction sessions — Some College of Science and Math Classes offer group study sessions led by supplemental instruction leaders. This is a great way to study with your peers. See your professor’s course syllabus for more information regarding supplemental instruction sessions.
- Attend at least five office-hour sessions that the faculty instructors of your courses offer — Office hours are a great way to get to know your faculty members better and explore your major or academic interest further. Not all five sessions have to be with the same faculty member. Topics could include discussing an upcoming assignment or discussing an interest or topic about which you want more information. For more information regarding office hour times and locations, please see your professor’s course syllabus.
- Participate in the Honors College Book Club — Yes, you may have a lot of reading to do this fall, but there are only two novels—and they are not long! Some reading for your own enjoyment could be just what you need! Plus, we have a faculty member from the English Department and an Honors College Ambassador who will help guide our reading and discussions. This fall’s theme for the Honors College Book Club is “deconstructing stereotypes.” If you’ve ever stereotypes (and let’s face it: Who hasn’t?) or are simply curious about what stereotypes are, how they emerge and gain authority over us, and how we can use close reading in a relaxed and informal format to undo them, then this Club is for you! For more information, please contact Honors College Ambassador Tim Musoke at honors.ambassadors@umb.edu and/or our faculty sponsor, Avak Hazarian at avak.hazarian@umb.edu
- If asked to join Alpha Lambda Delta (ALD), national honor society for first-year students, attend the induction and participate in their other events. For more information regarding ALD, please visit: www.umb.edu/academics/vpass/alpha_lambda.
- Attend at least three Asian American Career Development Workshops — This workshop series is designed to inform, encourage, and empower Asian American students as they work toward their career goals. For more information visit: www.umb.edu/academics/vpass/aasc/workshop_series
- Participate in a Service Learning Experience — Service learning is an opportunity to complete meaningful community service and reflect and enrich one’s perspective through active civic engagement and community building. For more information contact heather.whitney@umb.edu or Kathleen.hanfield@umb.edu.

One-Time Activities

(Complete two in the fall semester and two in the spring semester)

- Attend the Class of 2019 Freshmen Investiture Ceremony — Keynote Speaker: Michele Norris, Author of “The Grace of Service” and Host on NPR, Wednesday September 16, 2-4 pm, Campus Center Ballroom (Sign up at: www.umb.edu/life_on-campus/new_students/new_student_events/nsp_investiture_ceremony )
- Attend a Study Abroad Info Session or Fair (For dates and times, please visit: www.umb.edu/academics/global/studyabroad)
- Engage in the Office of Student Leadership and Community Engagement Day of Service (To sign up for a day of service, please visit: www.umb.edu/life_on-campus/student_involvement/oslce/students/project_ser) (To learn more about the OSLCE, please visit: www.umb.edu/life_on-campus/student_involvement/oslce
- Attend an on-campus social event (e.g., fall dance party, movie screening, or the spring concert) (For more information about events happening on campus, please visit: www.umb.edu/life_on-campus/student_involvement/activities/aece
- Attend a New Student Success Series Event (For event times and dates, please visit: www.umb.edu/life_on-campus/new_students/new_student_events
- Get a group of friends together and attend an off-campus cultural event (the Honors College has worked with the Strand Theatre and Hibernian Hall previously so you may want to check their websites for schedules)

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