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UMass Boston’s Pathway Program

Begin your education at the University of Massachusetts Boston as a non-degree student in Fall 2023 through a cohort model and take five courses that will allow you to become familiar with college-level coursework. If you earn a 2.5 cumulative GPA or higher after the first semester, you will be eligible for admission into a degree-seeking program in the Spring 2024 semester and continue your academic progress at UMass Boston.

Advantages of Choosing UMass Boston’s Pathway Program:

- **Personal attention**: Small classes taught by esteemed UMass Boston faculty.
- **Affordable option**: Although financial aid is not available, the total cost for the semester (13 credits) is approximately $3,600 and you can take advantage of our payment plan.
- **Progress toward a degree**: Pathway courses, such as English, history and sociology, will satisfy general education requirements for all degree-seeking academic programs.
- **Support**: A specially designed one-credit University Success course that will help you acclimate to UMass Boston and learn about University resources and how to access them.
- **Social**: Join any of the 100+ active student-led organizations, live on campus and meet new friends, and participate in our intramural club sports.
- **Ease**: We will assist you with the application process for the Spring 2024 semester.
- **Start here**: And stay here.

Successfully complete your first semester at UMass Boston and you will be on track to be accepted for the spring semester starting January 2024. Upon acceptance into a degree-seeking program, eligible students may qualify to receive financial aid.

All students must submit an Enrollment Confirmation Form and pay a $200 New Student Deposit in order to participate in the Pathway Program. To learn more about the program, we encourage you to visit our website: [www.umb.edu/starthere](http://www.umb.edu/starthere). For any questions, please contact Alexandra Bernardo (Office of Undergraduate Admissions) at 617.287.6194 or alexandra.bernardo@umb.edu.