Start at UMass Boston as a non-degree student in the fall 2024 semester. Through a cohort model, you’ll take five classes that familiarize you with college-level coursework. If you earn a 2.5 cumulative GPA or higher after the first semester, you’ll be eligible for admission to a degree-seeking program in the spring 2025 semester and continue your academic progress at UMass Boston.

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• Personal Attention and Support - Small classes taught by esteemed UMass Boston faculty, as well as a specially designed one-credit University Success course, which helps acclimate you to UMass Boston and its resources.
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• Progress Toward a Degree - Pathway courses satisfy general education requirements for all academic programs such as college English, history, sociology, and political science.

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All students must attend an information session or Welcome Day to be eligible for the Pathway Program. To learn more about the program, register for a session at umb.edu/starthere. For any questions, please contact Alexandra Bernardo (Office of Undergraduate Admissions) at 617.287.6194 or alexandra.bernardo@umb.edu.

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