



**UMass Lowell  
Navitas Global Student  
Success Program**



# 2019/20 PRE-ARRIVAL INFORMATION

**Congratulations on your admission to the UMass Lowell Navitas Global Student Success Program (GSSP)!** You have chosen to attend a university nationally- and globally-recognized for its research and world-class academic programs. You will be taught by professors who excel in their fields and whose goal is to help you succeed at the university and beyond. You will be proud of the degree you earn here.

The caring and knowledgeable UMass Lowell Navitas GSSP staff are excited for you as you begin your journey but we recognize the challenges of leaving your home country and culture. Our staff will provide communication prior to departure to the U.S. and we will help you make a comfortable transition.

We are pleased you are joining us at the UMass Lowell Navitas GSSP, and we look forward to seeing you on campus very soon!

Sincerely,

Pap Sarr  
Executive Director, Navitas  
UMass Lowell Navitas Global  
Student Success Program

## Applying for your F-1 student visa

To study in the UMass Lowell Navitas GSSP, you will need to apply for an F-1 visa at your nearest U.S. embassy or consulate. You must bring the following documents along to your appointment:

- > a valid passport
- > any required photographs
- > proof of prior education and test scores (transcript, diploma, etc.)
- > a form I-20 (for F-1 visa) or DS-2019 (for J-1 visa) issued by UMass Lowell
- > proof of admission to that institution (letter of acceptance)
- > proof that you have sufficient funds to study (bank statements)

You should be prepared to demonstrate that you have close ties to your home country and that you have full intention of returning home after you complete your studies.

The UMass Lowell Navitas GSSP staff are available to help you prepare for your visa interview. Please contact: [admissions@UMLnavitasGSSP.com](mailto:admissions@UMLnavitasGSSP.com) to request a practice visa interview session.

### WONDERING WHAT TO BRING FROM HOME?



**DOWNLOAD YOUR PACKING LIST:**

[UMLnavitasGSSP.com/microsites/predeparture/things-to-bring](http://UMLnavitasGSSP.com/microsites/predeparture/things-to-bring)

## Traveling to the United States

You may be asked to present the following documents when you enter the U.S., so have them with you in your carry-on luggage along with your airline tickets and itinerary:

- > passport
- > visa document (Form I-20). If the U.S. Embassy returned your visa document in a sealed envelope only to be opened by a U.S. official at the U.S. Port of Entry, please honor this.
- > UMass Lowell Admissions letter
- > the original financial documentation that you provided to U.S. embassy/consulate



# Checklist: what to do before you leave home

## PAY SEVIS FEE AND MAKE APPOINTMENT WITH THE U.S. EMBASSY/CONSULATE

Make an appointment with the U.S. embassy or consulate to obtain your F-1 visa. Please notify UMass Lowell Navitas GSSP staff as soon as you've received your visa.

## FULL PAYMENT OF INITIAL INVOICE

Payment of your initial invoice is due within 21 days of receiving your F-1 visa, or two weeks before the start of classes, whichever is earlier. Please note that you will not be enrolled in classes until your invoice has been paid in full.

## SUBMIT YOUR HOUSING CONTRACT

Please submit your [Housing Contract](#) by the listed deadline on our website. We cannot secure on-campus accommodation at UMass Lowell without this form. You can find detailed instructions on how to submit your housing contract on our [website](#).

## UMASS LOWELL HEALTH FORMS

Per Massachusetts law, all UMass Lowell students are required to submit the UMass Lowell Health Examination Report and Immunization Records. You may download and submit all forms at [uml.edu/student-services/Health/Health-Services-Requirements.aspx](http://uml.edu/student-services/Health/Health-Services-Requirements.aspx). Make an appointment with your doctor to receive your health exam and all required immunizations. You must bring the Health Forms with you to your appointment.

Submit your completed health forms by the first day of orientation.

## ARRIVAL FORMS/AIRPORT PICKUP REQUEST

Make travel arrangements to arrive at Boston Logan International Airport one day prior to your orientation date. As soon as you have booked your flights, please complete the online arrival form so we can schedule your airport pick up: [UMLnavitasGSSP.com/microsites/predeparture/accommodation](http://UMLnavitasGSSP.com/microsites/predeparture/accommodation)

Please indicate whether or not you will need UMass Lowell Navitas GSSP staff to arrange Airport Pickup Service on your behalf. This service will cost approx. US\$125 and must be requested at least two weeks prior to arrival.



FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE DATES AND DEADLINES, VISIT [UMLNAVITASGSSP.COM](http://UMLNAVITASGSSP.COM).

# UMass Lowell accommodation

Research shows that students who live on campus earn higher grades than those who do not. Students also feel more connected to the university community. To secure on-campus housing, please submit your [UMass Lowell housing contract](#) one month before the start of classes.



## ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

All undergraduate students are required to live on campus during the first year while enrolled in the Undergraduate UMass Lowell Navitas GSSP. Graduate students have the option to live on or off campus.

All campus residence halls are a short walk from classroom buildings, dining halls, the Campus Recreation Center, the University library and more. The free University shuttle bus also transports students around campus seven days a week.

All bedrooms are fully furnished with a bed, dresser, desk, chair and wardrobe. Rooms are wired for high-speed internet access and standard cable television. Many of the residence halls have common TV rooms, laundry facilities, kitchens and vending machine areas.

To explore UMass Lowell residence hall options, visit [UMLnavitasGSSP.com/microsites/predeparture/accommodation](#).

## GRADUATE OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

If you choose to live off campus it is your responsibility to find and secure an apartment. Visit [UMLnavitasGSSP.com/microsites/predeparture/accommodation](#) to explore your off-campus housing options. You will also find the Off-Campus Housing Waiver, which is required for all students living off campus.

## DINING AND MEAL PLANS

Campus dining at UMass Lowell offers more than a dozen dining options including fast food, takeaway meals and three dining halls, which offer everything from made-to-order dinners, salad bars, deli and grills. The meal plan covers meals each day for the entire week of the semester.

All students living in residence halls are required to be on a residential meal plan, which comes with extra cash to spend across campus. Graduate students who are placed in apartments have the option of signing up for a meal plan.

## MOVE-IN DAY AND CHECK IN

On move-in day you will receive your orientation materials and check into your residence halls. You must arrive between 9:00am and 5:00pm to check in. Please visit [UMLnavitasGSSP.com/microsites/predeparture/orientation](#) to confirm your check-in location.

If you arrive after 5:00pm, you will be responsible for your own overnight accommodation.

## SHORT TERM HOUSING

If you arrive prior to your move-in date, you will need to make temporary housing arrangements. Possible options include:

- > [UMass Lowell Inn and Conference Center](#), Lowell, MA
- > [Radisson Hotel & Suites](#), Chelmsford, MA (Enter code "UMASS" when booking online.)

You will need to pay for your stay by credit card upon arrival.

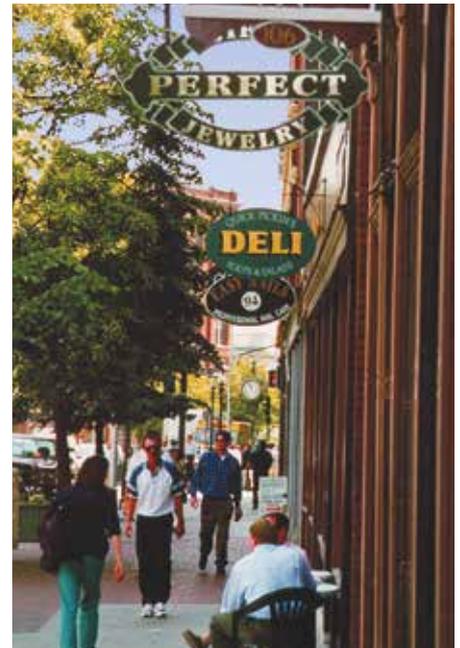
## ORIENTATION

Orientation is required for all new students. During orientation, you will receive information on your housing, meal plans, health insurance, banking options, cell phones, UMass Lowell campus services and also take a campus tour and meet our helpful staff. Please bring your passport, Form I-20, visa documentation, official transcripts and completed health forms with you during orientation.





# Lowell, Massachusetts: Your new home



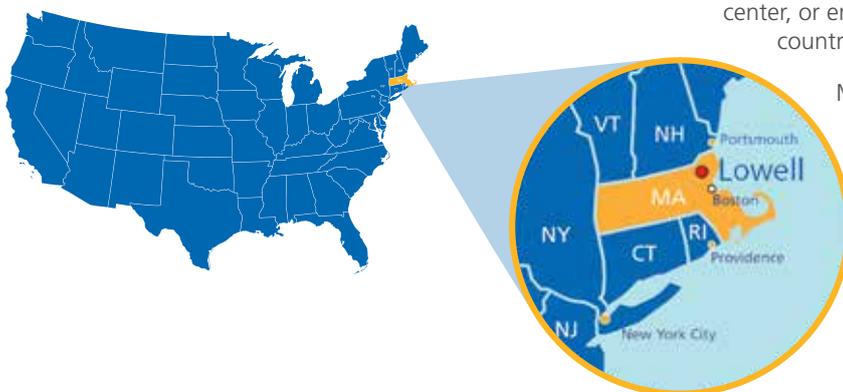
The renaissance city, Lowell, Massachusetts, is an exciting crossroads where diverse cultures, history and creativity intersect. Let this vibrant city be your stage as you get ready for work, life and all the world has to offer.

Lowell's historic mill buildings and cobblestone streets now add charm to a bustling downtown. Steps away from the UMass Lowell campus, the downtown area boasts a thriving arts scene, a population rich in cultural diversity and a flair for festivals.

### ACTIVITIES AND ATTRACTIONS

Discover restaurants representing more than a dozen different cultures. Spend a day exploring art galleries, or watch a show. Stroll along the Merrimack River, which winds through the city center, or enjoy a picnic on the esplanade. Hike, bike or cross-country ski more than 1,000 acres of state forest nearby.

Massachusetts benefits from very distinct seasonal changes between fall, winter, spring and summer, which beautifully transform the campus and its surrounding environment. The average low temperature is around 24°F (-4°C) and highest is around 85°F (29°C).



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