



**UMass**  
Dartmouth



# 2017 Pre-arrival information

Congratulations on your admission to Navitas at University of Massachusetts Dartmouth!

UMass Dartmouth distinguishes itself as a vibrant, public research university dedicated to engaged learning and innovative research resulting in personal and lifelong student success. You'll be among talented students who share your passion for learning, within a welcoming and supportive international community.

The helpful Navitas at UMass Dartmouth 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 Navitas at University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, and we look forward to seeing you on campus very soon!

Sincerely,

Mary Fleming

Executive Director

Navitas at University of Massachusetts  
Dartmouth

## Applying for your F-1 visa

To attend your Navitas at UMass Dartmouth program, 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
- 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 Dartmouth
- proof of admission to that institution (letter of acceptance)
- proof that you have sufficient funds to study (bank statements)

Navitas at UMass Dartmouth staff are available to help you prepare for your visa interview. Please contact [AdmissionsUMD@navitas.com](mailto:AdmissionsUMD@navitas.com) to request a practice visa interview session.

## 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 Dartmouth Admissions Letter
- the original financial documentation that you provided to U.S. embassy/consulate

**WONDERING WHAT TO BRING FROM HOME?**



**DOWNLOAD YOUR PACKING LIST:**

[umd.navitas.com/arrival](http://umd.navitas.com/arrival)



# 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 Navitas 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. Visit [umd.navitas.com/payment-options](http://umd.navitas.com/payment-options) for instructions on how to pay your fees.

**SUBMIT YOUR HOUSING CONTRACT**

On-campus residence is required for undergraduate students and recommended for graduate students. Download your housing contract and submit the completed contract to [umassd.studentservices@navitas.com](mailto:umassd.studentservices@navitas.com). We cannot confirm your on-campus accommodation without this form.

**UMASS DARTMOUTH HEALTH FORMS**

Massachusetts state law requires all students to receive immunizations before moving into student housing and attending classes. Make an appointment with your doctor for your health exam and to receive all required immunizations. You must bring your UMass Dartmouth Health Forms with you to your appointment. Email your completed health forms to [umassd.studentservices@navitas.com](mailto:umassd.studentservices@navitas.com).

**ARRIVAL FORMS/AIRPORT PICKUP REQUEST**

Make travel arrangements to arrive at Boston Logan International Airport or T.F. Green Airport in Providence, Rhode Island one day prior to your orientation date. As soon as you have booked your flights, please complete the online arrival form and request your airport pick-up shuttle service (approximately US\$160).



## Important dates and deadlines\*

Semester start date	Housing contract due	Full fees due	Health forms due	Move in/ Arrival day	Orientation
Spring 2017	December 26	December 28	December 26	January 18	January 19
Summer 2017	May 1	May 1	May 1	May 24	May 25
Fall 2017	August 7	August 1	August 7	August 29	August 30

\*Dates are approximate at time of printing. For the most up-to-date listings, visit [umd.navitas.com/arrival](http://umd.navitas.com/arrival).

# Accommodation

Living on campus in the residence halls is a highlight of the American college experience, helping you to grow as an individual, enjoy a sense of community, and achieve academic success, while offering a dynamic social experience and many conveniences.

## Undergraduate housing

All undergraduate students are required to live on campus. All undergraduate students are required to live on campus for the duration of the Navitas program. On-campus housing fills up quickly so it's important that you complete your housing contract and submit the completed contract to [umassd.student.services@navitas.com](mailto:umassd.student.services@navitas.com).

All bedrooms are fully furnished with a bed, dresser, desk, chair and wardrobe. Many residence halls are equipped with lounge spaces and kitchens, encouraging a social atmosphere.

To learn more about life on campus, visit [umd.navitas.com/arrival](http://umd.navitas.com/arrival).

## Graduate housing

Graduate students have the option to live on or off campus, however, we strongly recommend living on campus during your studies so that you can easily access campus resources and Navitas resources, as well as live in a learning community alongside other students.

If you choose to live off campus it is your responsibility to find and secure an apartment. Visit [umd.navitas.com/arrival](http://umd.navitas.com/arrival) for more off-campus housing information.



## Dining and meal plans

Undergraduate students will be enrolled in the university meal plan; there are no kitchen facilities in the residence halls. Graduate students living in a residence hall with kitchen facilities will also have the option to sign up for a meal plan after they arrive on campus.

The meal plan allows students unlimited meal swipes to be used at the Marketplace, UMass Dartmouth's all-you-can-eat resident dining hall which offers a variety of options to suit different dietary needs. Each meal plan also comes with guest passes so a friend or family member can dine with you.

## Move-in day and check-in

All new Navitas students must check in with the Navitas staff upon arrival to campus on the designated check-in day anytime from 9:00am-6:00pm. Please report to:

Navitas at UMass Dartmouth  
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth  
285 Old Westport Road  
Dartmouth, MA 02747

Any original documents and Health Forms not submitted prior to arrival must be submitted at check-in to be enrolled in courses.

## Short-term housing

Students who arrive prior to the designated check-in day or after 6:00pm on check-in day must arrange temporary off-campus accommodation at their own expense. Visit [umd.navitas.com/arrival](http://umd.navitas.com/arrival) for a list of approved hotels near campus.

# Orientation

Orientation is required for all students. The orientation sessions are filled with important information and fun activities designed to help you learn about your program's requirements and all of the resources available to you as a student of UMass Dartmouth.





# Dartmouth, Massachusetts: Your new home

Situated between the Atlantic coastline and scenic forests, Dartmouth, Massachusetts, is a city with an active and diverse population. Rich in agricultural history, Dartmouth offers a serenity that is hard to find anywhere else.

With major cities like Boston and Providence a short drive away, you really have the best of both worlds — small-town comforts and big-city culture.

Dartmouth is an ideal place to challenge yourself both academically and personally. For you, Dartmouth is where it all begins.

## Dartmouth city life

Dartmouth is near some of the best beaches on the East Coast. The closest beach is only a 15-minute drive away, which means you can enjoy the atmosphere and fun of a coastal town. The local area also offers many opportunities for outdoor activities like hiking, beach walking, whale watching, golf, ice hockey, mountain biking, sailing and kayaking.

Within a mile of campus, you'll find everything you need, from food to electronics at stores like Stop & Shop, Target and Walmart. The Dartmouth Mall

has 50 stores, including Macy's and Old Navy, as well as a 12-screen luxury movie theater. The town also features many of the famous U.S. chain restaurants, in addition to restaurants serving food from all over the world.

## Climate

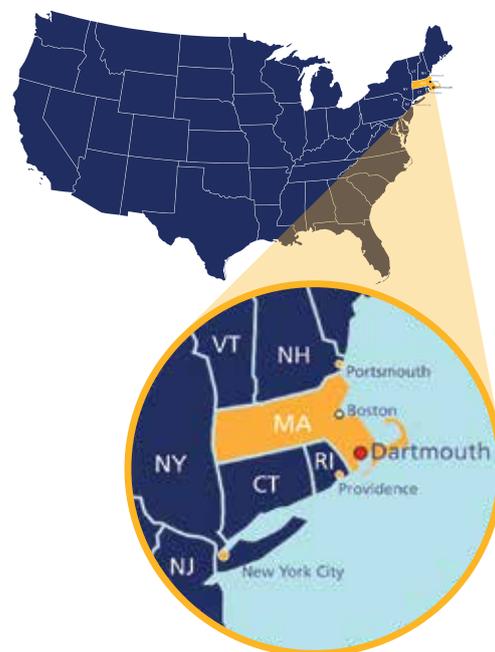
Dartmouth has a wonderfully diverse climate with warm, humid summers, cold winters and mild spring and fall temperatures. You'll enjoy average temperatures of 80°F (26°C) during the summer months. Spring and fall scenery in New England is second to none, with temperatures ranging from 50°F to 60°F (8°C–17°C). Temperatures average around 40°F (4°C) over the winter months.

## Nearby attractions

- Horseneck Beach
- Apponagansett Park
- Dartmouth regional parks and trails
- New Bedford Whaling Museum
- Zeiterion Theatre (New Bedford)
- Providence Performing Arts Center
- Newport Mansions
- Wang Center (Boston)
- Museum of Fine Arts (Boston)

## DESTINATION: DARTMOUTH

- Population:** 35,570
- State:** Massachusetts
- Currency:** U.S. Dollar (US\$)
- Time zone:** Eastern Standard Time (UTC/GMT - 5 hours)
- Electricity:** 120V



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