



Online MBA Program New Student Orientation

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Getting Started

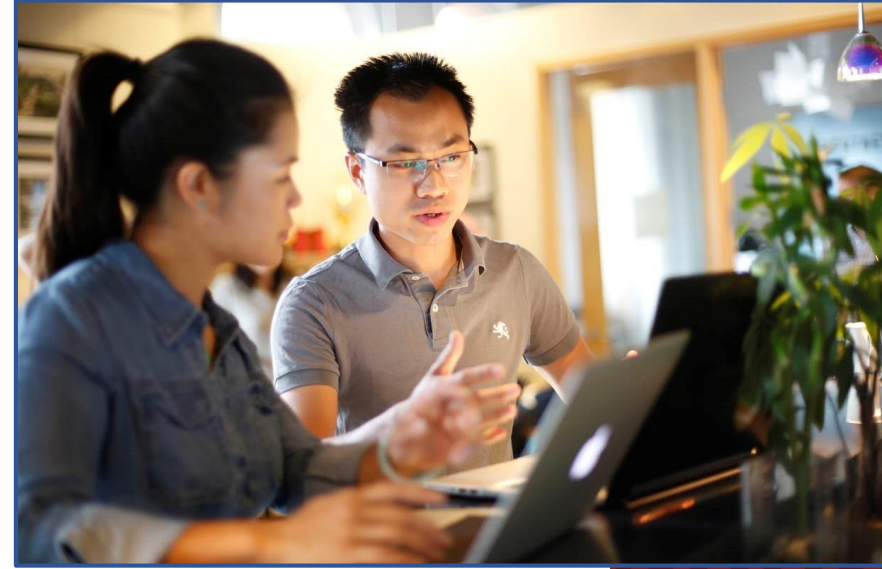
Meet Your Advisor

You will find your assigned advisor on your student center in SPIRE under the Academics tile

- We offer academic advising at every stage of your academic journey.
- Each student is assigned a dedicated advisor to assist with any academic questions or concerns.
- Reach out to your assigned advisor using our [advisor page](#).

How Can Your Advisor Help?

- Assist with registration and course selection
- Remind you about upcoming deadlines, key academic calendar dates, and opportunities for professional development
- Confirm degree progress when requested
- Work with the Graduate Records Office to confirm degree completion
- Review transfer credit and waiver requests
- **You are always welcome to set up an advising appointment when you need to chat,
or send a quick email if you have a question!**



Student Systems

UMass uses a single sign-on protocol for all online tools. Use your NetID & password for all logins.



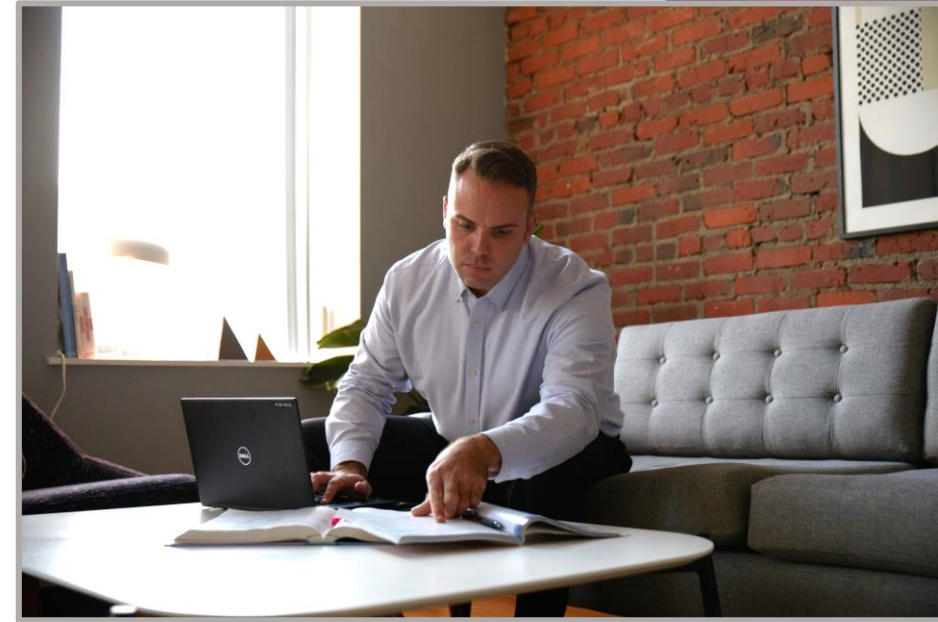
- Course Enrollment
- Bursar bills
- Transcripts & grades
- Holds & to-dos
- Personal information

- Email – check frequently
- Google apps

- Online learning platform
- Access to classes given one week prior to semester start

Tips for Success

- Read all communications from your advisor & MBA Program
- Refer to [Online MBA Student Resource Page](#)
- Review your [degree requirements](#)
- Schedule [advising appointments](#)
- Enroll promptly for classes when registration opens
- Refer to the [Graduate Student Handbook](#)
- Check important semester dates on the [Academic Calendar](#)
- Communicate with faculty
- Contact your advisor before missing a Fall or Spring term



MBA Curriculum

Degree Requirements

- Review your acceptance email for foundation course requirements
- Note listed prerequisites when selecting classes
- Core classes are offered every fall, spring, and summer
- Elective offerings vary by semester
- Note the different credit requirements for General MBA vs MBA w/Focus Area
- Degree requirements differ for Partnership Students

Isenberg Online MBA Degree Requirements Checklist					UMassAmherst Isenberg School of Management
Semester	Grade	Course Title	Course #	Prerequisite	Credits
FOUNDATION Courses: Offered Summer & Winter Semesters					
		Foundations of Accounting*	597FA	None (course exemption may apply)	1
		Foundations of Finance*	597FF	None (course exemption may apply)	1
Foundations Total =					2
CORE Online Courses: Offered Spring, Summer, & Fall Semesters.					
		Strategic Information Management	632	None	3
		Statistics for Business (formerly Business Data Analysis & Statistical Methods)	650	None	3
		Marketing Strategy OR Services Marketing Management	660 or 713	None	3
		Leadership & Organizational Behavior	680	None	3
		Business Law	783	None	3
		Human Resource Management	770	None	3
		Economic Analysis for Managers	644	None	3
		Operations Management	670	650 (or equivalent statistics)	3
		Financial & Managerial Accounting	633	Foundation of Accounting	4
		Corporate Finance	640	Foundation of Finance, 650, 633	3
		Organizational Strategy	689	633, 640, 670, and 660 or 713	3
Core Total =					34
ELECTIVE Online Courses: Offered on rotating basis based on instructor availability.					
		Elective:			1-3
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Elective Total =					3 (General) 9 (Focus Area)
Total Credits to Graduate =					39*
Total Credits to Graduate with Focus =					45*

MBA Focus Areas

- A focus area can be added or removed from your plan at any time
- We highly recommend finalizing all plans that include a focus prior to the halfway point
- Once completed, your focus area will only be reflected on your transcript

MBA Focus Areas

- Business Analytics
- Entrepreneurship
- Finance
- Healthcare Administration
- Marketing



Course Enrollment Process

Course Enrollment Process

- Promptly enroll in classes when registration opens
- Complete course enrollment in SPIRE, courses will be listed as “UWW (CPE)” courses
- Refer to the [Browse All Courses](#) page to review course syllabi ahead of time
- Prepare to dedicate 10 hours per week, per 3 credit class, during 14-week session
- Utilize preview week – one week prior to the first day of classes
- Review important dates before the semester begins such as ADD/DROP deadline
- Refer to our [Registration Tutorial](#)

Textbooks

Required textbooks and materials will always be listed in the instructor's syllabus. You can also find a textbook summary on SPIRE, following these steps:

- Log into SPIRE
- In your student center, select Academics tile
- Select "View My Classes"
- Select section number
- Select "View/Purchase Textbooks"

View My Classes

- Download Class Schedule
- Finals Schedule
- Download Finals Schedule
- Evening Exam Conflict
- Final Exam Conflict

Enrollment Appointments 2

- Enrollment Appointments
- UWW Enrollment Appointments

Add, Drop & Edit Classes

- How to Enroll in Classes
- Schedule Builder
- Shopping Cart
- Class Search, Add & Enroll
- Search for Classes (Advanced)

SCH-MGMT 713 - ST-Services Marketing Management
Class has been added to your Shopping Cart.

View/Purchase Textbooks ☒ Show Enrolled Classes ☐ Show Waitlisted Classes

HT-MGT 339 Entertainment Management

Status	Units	Grading Basis	Grade	Description
Enrolled	3.00	Letter-Grading for Undergraduate Students		UWW (CPE) - Ugrad De

Class	Start/End Dates	Days and Times
Class 57584 - LEC Section 01	12/27/2022 - 01/21/2023	Schedule: To be Announc

Academic Calendar

Fall (required)

- September - December
- 14 weeks
- Enrollment opens in June

Winter

- December - February
- 6 weeks
- Enrollment opens in October

Spring (required)

- February - May
- 14 weeks
- Enrollment opens in November

Summer

- May - August
- 1 ten-week option and/or
- 2 six-week options
- Enrollment opens in March

Student Resources

Online Learning & Tech Support



New to online learning? University of Massachusetts Amherst, University Without Walls (UWW) provides numerous tutorials and guidelines to help you prepare for a successful semester of online learning. The [Student Orientation & Resource Area](#) includes the following resources:

- Get Ready Checklist
- Navigating Blackboard Learn
- Discussions, Assignments, Tests & Quizzes
- Video Conferencing Guidelines
- Blackboard Learn offers 24/7 support
- UMass IT can help with Net ID, Email and Spire

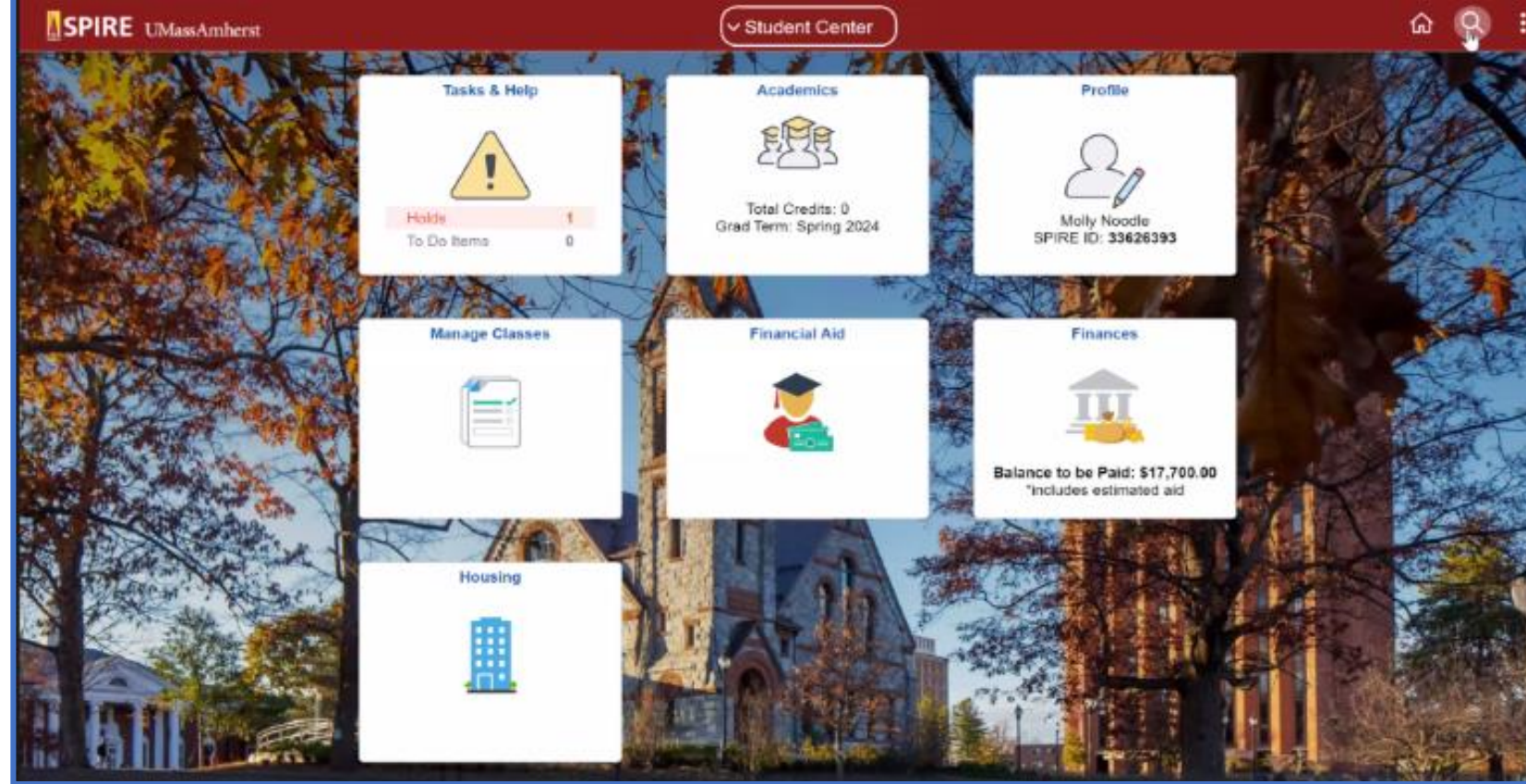
Tuition

Current Tuition & Fees

- \$925 per credit
- \$507 entrance fee (one-time)
- \$60 registration fee (per term)

Bills & Payments

- Bills will be posted in SPIRE
- Contact the UMass Bursar's for payment details and payment plan options



Any questions about Billing,
please contact our Bursar's
Office directly:

bursar@admin.umass.edu
413.545.2368

Please provide your Name, Student
ID#, and Semester Information.

Financial Aid

You may apply for student loans through the University of Massachusetts, [Financial Aid Services Office](#)

Important:

- You must complete [FAFSA](#) in order to be considered for aid
- You must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 credits per semester to be eligible
- Not available to international students



Veteran Services

Veteran Financial Aid Benefits

- UMass Amherst has a dedicated [Veteran Services Office](#) to assist you with your military benefits and available tuition assistance.
- Contact: Lynn Gates
vetbenefits@umass.edu
413.545.5792 tel
413.577.2471 fax



Career Services

Visit [IConnect](#) for career-related resources for online MBA students, including:

- Jobs and career opportunities
- Networking events
- Company information sessions
- Career workshops
- Industry insights
- Guides to careers in your industry
- Schedule a one-on-one career coaching session



Other Student Services

- [Library Resources](#)
- [Distance Learning Student Card](#)
- [Center for Counseling and Psychological Health](#)



Looking Ahead to Graduation!

Graduation

Commencement Events are held once per year in May. All graduating students are invited to attend!

Degree Completion Dates

- **September:** Degree requirements completed in summer
- **February:** Degree requirements completed in fall or winter
- **May:** Degree requirements completed in spring

Note: Diplomas are mailed to you about 2 months

After degree date
University of Amsterdam
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Important Forms	
Degree Eligibility Form	Required for all students
Commencement Participation Form	Required for students participating in commencement events

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