If you plan to attend UMass Amherst in fall of 2018 as a first-year student, we invite you to get a Jump! on your college career this summer.

UMass Jump! is a 4-week program designed to give you a head start on your academic and social life while getting to know the UMass Amherst campus and the surrounding Pioneer Valley.

Students will take a general education requirement worth 4 credits while on campus and explore the UMass Amherst Common Read. Excursions, evening events, workshops, and other activities will round out the experience, introducing how a successful academic and social balance can be achieved before the start of Freshman year.

The program is staffed and run by a team of live-in undergraduate students who will introduce program participants to a variety of resources and tools that are aimed at promoting comfort, fun, and academic success at the University.

Jump! Participants Will

- Earn 4 credits toward graduation by taking a general education requirement class
- Make new friends and enjoy fun co-curriculars throughout the Amherst area
- Learn about campus resources, meet faculty and representatives from student organizations

http://www.umass.edu/summer/jump
About bridge programs

Summer bridge programs are designed to ease the transition to college and support postsecondary success by providing students with the academic skills and social resources needed to succeed in a college environment.

Summer bridge programs were found to have potentially positive effects on postsecondary attainment for postsecondary students.*

*2016 WWC report from the Institute of Education Sciences

Program Objectives

- Students will choose from a variety of general education courses and earn 4 university credits
- Provide pre-matriculation programming that increases the likelihood of retaining students who will persist to graduation
- Understand the expectations of university level academic work
- Learn about UMass academic, social, and professional resources
- Begin the semester with a community of friends and peers
- Examine the UMass Amherst Common Read in a specially designed seminar

Arrangements

Program Dates: July 29- August 29, 2018
Accommodation: Modern, fully air-conditioned double room in the Commonwealth Honors College Residential Community
Meals: 3 Meals/day provided by UMass Dining, the nation’s No. 1 campus food provider
Program Fee: US $4,500: Includes tuition, room, board, and activities
Non-native English speakers: A $450 supplement is required for a 1-credit Academic English course

How to Register

All incoming first-year undergraduates who have been accepted to UMass Amherst for Fall 2018 are welcome to register for Jump!

This is not a separate application. To register, visit http://www.umass.edu/summer/jump/

International Student Information

Accepted international students are invited to register for Jump! For more information about registering for Jump! as an international student, please visit umass.edu/summer/jump

For non-native English speakers: A 1-credit academic English course is required in addition to the 4-credit general education course.

Questions? Please contact the Summer Programs staff for assistance.

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"For me, it was about being comfortable on campus. I come from a high school of 1200 students, and I was worried about getting lost in the numbers at UMass. But Jump! showed me that you can find a community that you can learn with and grow from, and this helped me find the balance between doing work and having fun.

- Naaz Sheikh, Jump! participant"