# Starting on Track (Additional Info)

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The Asian American Student Success Program (AASSP) is an academic support office. Its purpose is to help Asian American students gain admission to UMass Boston and to make sure they succeed academically, personally, and socially while they are here. Come see us for answers to any questions you may have during your time at the university. Feel free to seek our assistance whenever you need it; there is nothing to join or sign up for.

[https://www.umb.edu/academics/vpass/aassp](https://www.umb.edu/academics/vpass/aassp)

Study abroad programs available at many universities around the world! Can be a semester, year, Winter and Summer breaks, and faculty lead through CAPS.

[https://www.umb.edu/academics/global/studyabroad/programs](https://www.umb.edu/academics/global/studyabroad/programs)

Keep track of deadlines on the academic calendar (and breaks!)

[https://www.umb.edu/registrar/academic_calendar](https://www.umb.edu/registrar/academic_calendar)

Links to academic policies by the registrar and undergraduate studies offices (info regarding pass/fail/withdrawal, taking time off, changing status at the university, etc.)

[https://www.umb.edu/academics/vpass/undergraduate_studies/policies](https://www.umb.edu/academics/vpass/undergraduate_studies/policies)

[https://www.umb.edu/registrar/academic_policies](https://www.umb.edu/registrar/academic_policies)

Inter-College transfer application if changing to a major in a different college at UMass Boston

[https://www.umb.edu/editor_uploads/images/registrar/Intercollege_Transfer_Undergraduate_SP17_V2.pdf](https://www.umb.edu/editor_uploads/images/registrar/Intercollege_Transfer_Undergraduate_SP17_V2.pdf)

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### The Reading, Writing, Study Strategies Center

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<td>Campus Center, 1st floor, Room 1300</td>
<td>1:1 tutoring in writing, reading and general academic skills AND drop-in workshops on writing and study skills (List available on front desk)</td>
<td>Graduate student and faculty tutors</td>
<td>Sign up through website or at Academic Support Programs front desk, CC-1-1300; assigned a tutor to meet with @ same time each week; Can access 1 hour/week of tutoring.</td>
<td>Meet older, more experienced students; Make overall improvements in all areas of study; Create close relationship with tutor</td>
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Frequently Asked Questions

· **What is “Supplemental Instruction”?”** Students who have already successfully completed an identified challenging “gateway” course are hired to attend every class meeting of the identified class section and create weekly review sessions to provide additional support to students enrolled in that course. This is a great place to ask questions and a great way to supplement tutoring! Some departments at UMass may also refer to them as “Facilitated Study Groups” or “FSGs”. Ask your professors if you class has an SI or FSG!

· **How much does tutoring cost?** All tutoring programs are free of charge for students enrolled in classes at UMass.

· **How can I make the most out of my tutoring sessions?** To make the most of your tutoring sessions, come prepared with questions and goals. Also understand that tutoring is not a substitute for going to class or doing your homework- you will still need to participate fully to do well in your courses.

· **Where can I go if I need help signing up for tutoring or if I have questions?** Please come to our main office in the Campus Center, First Floor, Room 1300 or to the 8th Floor of the Healey library and we will be happy to assist you!

Best Places to Study on Campus

**BY YOURSELF**

**Places with few distractions**

Need a quiet place to get work done? Try these if you’re the type of person who needs to avoid distractions in order to really focus on what you’re studying

· **Healey Library** is a reliable spot with plenty of studying space. The UL and 3rd floor have general use computer labs. Nearly every floor has cubicles and desks for quiet independent studying. If you don’t want any noise, the 6th floor designated as the Quiet Study Floor—it is designed for individual study, and no cell phones are allowed. The 2nd and 3rd floors also have comfy sofa areas.

· **Quinn Administration Building** on the UL right next to the stairs is a great quiet place to study. There are tables and chairs, as well as comfy armchairs and booths. Plenty of outlets are available and there is a good combination of artificial light and sunlight coming in through the tall windows. This spot is not completely silent, as it is close to the elevators and stairs, but it is relaxing and generally quiet.

· **University Hall** has various small spaces located throughout the building on each floor with great lighting and comfortable chairs and tables.
Social places

Do you work better with a little noise in the background? Try the following spots, which are usually kept busy with people going in and out all day

- **Healey Library Café** is located at the main entrance of Healey library has a few tables on the side along a window. In the back part of the café is a small bar-style area to have a cup of coffee and get some reading done. There is also a computer lab behind the café.

- **McCormack Express/Starbucks** is on the first floor of the McCormack building and has sofas and chairs.

- **Food Court** in the Campus Center is always busy and is a great place to enjoy a meal or snack while getting work done. There is great lighting, as well as tables along the window looking out onto the harbor.

- **Campus Center Atrium** located on the UL, the atrium has plenty of tables and armchairs (several outlets too). It is next to the Atrium Cafe, which will reopen in the spring.

- **Campus Center Lounges, Tables, and Chairs** are located throughout the second and third floors of the Campus Center building. They are great for individual work, but you can also take mini breaks to socialize as people walk through the Campus Center.

- **First Floor of Wheatley Building** has some small tables and sofas right next to the entrance (the one closest to the Campus Center).

- **ISC Café** Located on the 1st floor of the Integrated Science Complex has grab and go items, along with seating in the lobby for studying and gathering.

- **Beacon Café in University Hall (2nd floor)** offers various food options and has a small seating area.

WITH A GROUP

- **Healey Library Study Rooms** Ten study rooms are available on the 8th floor: four large group study rooms (6 to 8 people), four small group study rooms (4 to 6 people), and two small rooms (no more than 2 people). These rooms have two dry-erase boards each. One large room that can seat up to 15 people is on the 6th floor. This room has a large blackboard. If you’re planning to meet with a group here, you can reserve it through the Circulation Desk located at the main entrance, 2nd floor.

- **Quinn Administration Building** Also a good place for group work, this spot is located on the UL with booths that are great for working on a group project or study session.

- **Ryan Lounge** is located on the third floor of the McCormack building. If taking stairs, walk straight down to the end. If taking the elevator, walk to your left all the way down to the
Ryan Lounge is often used to host events, so make sure you peek in there before you bring in a whole group of people. If it is not reserved for an event, it is a spacious place to get group work done, with great lighting. There are plenty of chairs and lots of outlets.

Academic Support Services

Career Services
*Used for career planning, internships, deciding on major/minors, etc.*
Location: Campus Center, 1st floor, Room 1300
[http://www.umb.edu/academics/vpass/career_services](http://www.umb.edu/academics/vpass/career_services)

Honors College
*Visit the honors program for information about applying*
Location: Campus Center, 2nd Floor
[http://www.umb.edu/academics/honors](http://www.umb.edu/academics/honors)

Math Resource Center
Location: Healey Library, 8th Floor
[www.umb.edu/academics/vpass/academic_support/tutoring/subject_tutoring_program](http://www.umb.edu/academics/vpass/academic_support/tutoring/subject_tutoring_program)

Reading, Writing, Study Strategies Center
*Used for tutoring in writing, reading and general academic skills*
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[http://www.umb.edu/academics/vpass/academic_support/tutoring/rwssc](http://www.umb.edu/academics/vpass/academic_support/tutoring/rwssc)

Subject Tutoring Program
*Used for subject tutoring in 100 and 200 level courses*
Location: Healey Library, 8th Floor
[http://www.umb.edu/academics/vpass/academic_support/tutoring/subject_tutoring_program](http://www.umb.edu/academics/vpass/academic_support/tutoring/subject_tutoring_program)

Undergraduate Studies Office
*Oversees the general education program, including the Writing Proficiency Requirement*
Location: Campus Center, 1st floor, Room 1300
[http://www.umb.edu/academics/vpass/undergraduate_studies](http://www.umb.edu/academics/vpass/undergraduate_studies)
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**Athletics and Recreation**
*Home of the sports teams, fitness gym and recreation areas, and intramural programs*
Location: Clark Athletic Center
[http://www.umb.edu/athletics](http://www.umb.edu/athletics)

**Office of Student Activities & Leadership**
*Supports student clubs/organizations, and provides other services such as ticket sales, and general university information.*
Location: Campus Center, 3rd Floor, Room 3300/3400
[http://www.umb.edu/life_on_campus/student_involvement/activities](http://www.umb.edu/life_on_campus/student_involvement/activities)

**Office of Student Leadership and Community Engagement**
*Coordinates community service projects, leadership programs and service trips*
Location: Campus Center, 2nd Floor, Room 2300
[http://www.umb.edu/life_on_campus/student_involvement/oslce](http://www.umb.edu/life_on_campus/student_involvement/oslce)

**Student Employment**
*Find on-campus and off-campus jobs*
Location: Campus Center, 4th Floor
[http://www.umb.edu/life_on_campus/student_employment](http://www.umb.edu/life_on_campus/student_employment)

**Study Abroad Office (Office of Global Studies)**
*Handles international study abroad programs and procedures*
Location: Campus Center, 2nd Floor, Room 2100
[http://umb.abroadoffice.net/index.html](http://umb.abroadoffice.net/index.html)

**Campus Services**
**BeaconCard Office** (UMass Boston ID)
Location: McCormack, 2nd Floor, Room 615
[https://www.umb.edu/life_on_campus/beaconcard](https://www.umb.edu/life_on_campus/beaconcard)

**Bursar’s Office**
*Handles all billing, payment plans, book and food cards, etc.*
Location: Campus Center, 4th Floor, Room 4300
[http://www.umb.edu/bursar](http://www.umb.edu/bursar)
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Dining Services
*See the website for all locations and weekly menus*
Location: Campus Center, 1st Floor
http://site.www.umb.edu/sodexo/

Financial Aid
*Awards financial aid including scholarships, work study and federal loans*
Location: Campus Center, 4th Floor
Website: [http://www.umb.edu/admissions/financial_aid_scholarships](http://www.umb.edu/admissions/financial_aid_scholarships)

Interfaith Campus Ministry
*Serve the community by offering spiritual guidance and pastoral care*
Location: McCormack, 3rd Floor, Ryan Lounge
[http://www.umb.edu/life_on_campus/student_involvement/campus_ministry](http://www.umb.edu/life_on_campus/student_involvement/campus_ministry)

Information Technology
*Services for students include access to the WISER, computer labs for writing and printing reports, using email to stay in touch with campus activities and academic work*
Location: Healey Library, 3rd Floor
[http://www.umb.edu/it](http://www.umb.edu/it)

Office of Global Studies
*Resource for international students regarding visa status and other services*
Location: Campus Center, 2nd Floor, Room 2100
[http://www.umb.edu/academics/oita](http://www.umb.edu/academics/oita)

Office of Off-Campus Housing
*Assists current and prospective students who are looking for local housing*
Location: Campus Center, 2nd Floor, Suite 2300
[http://www.umb.edu/life_on_campus/housing](http://www.umb.edu/life_on_campus/housing)

Office of On-Campus Housing
*Resources for students living in the residence hall*
Location: ground floor of the Residence Hall
[http://umassbostonhousing.com/](http://umassbostonhousing.com/)
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Office of Transportation Services
Get your parking passes here and download the shuttle busses tracker app.
Location: Quinn, 2nd Floor
https://www.umb.edu/the_university/getting_here

One Stop
Convenient location for questions about course registration, billing and financial aid
Location: Campus Center, Upper Level
http://www.umb.edu/campus_center/services/one_stop

Registrar
Records your courses, your grades, and updates your transcripts
Location: Campus Center, 4th Floor
http://www.umb.edu/registrar

Ross Center
Assists student with disabilities find appropriate accommodations
Location: Campus Center, Upper Level, Room 211
http://www.umb.edu/academics/vpass/disability

Health and Safety

Public Safety
Creates and maintains a safe & secure environment for the university community; avail: 24/7
Location: Quinn Building
http://www.umb.edu/public_safety/contact

University Health Services
Includes medical services and programs for physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well-being
Location: Quinn, 2nd Floor
http://www.umb.edu/healthservices

Emergency Contacts
911 for Emergencies on Campus
617-287-1212 Cell Phone Emergency
617-287-7780 / 617-287-7781 Public Safety - Police Dispatch
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For On-Campus Medical Emergencies
Campus Police are the first responders to all campus medical emergency situations which occur outside of University Health Services. Call 617.287.1212 from a cell phone or 911 (on a university phone) for immediate assistance.

Emergency Cancellation
When classes and activities held at the Boston campus are canceled because of snow or other emergencies, the University will announce cancellations beginning at 6:00am. The University main telephone line, 617-287-5000, will carry a taped announcement when the University is closed or opening late. The bulletin board at UMass Boston’s website will contain weather announcements.

Student Involvement:
1. Utilize your campus resources: Whether it is housed in the Student Activities Office or Leadership and Community Service or another office, find a way to connect to resources.
2. Try everything at least once: You may not like every organization that you consider, so keep an open mind! Go outside of your comfort zone when looking for groups to join; oftentimes these are the most rewarding experiences. You may not think you'll enjoy the ballroom dance club or the engineering society, but one of the best things about college is having the opportunity to try new things.
3. Realize that being involved is an ongoing process: Involvement on campus shouldn't be solely restricted to permanent positions or groups. Be on the lookout for temporary activities too, like service projects or campus event planning. Find out if there is an involvement or community service newsletter that you can subscribe to in order to stay up to date on the latest opportunities.

Club List: [https://www.umb.edu/life_on_campus/student_involvement/activities/clubs](https://www.umb.edu/life_on_campus/student_involvement/activities/clubs)
Click on “UMBelInvolved”, and then on “organizations”