

Accelerated Master's Programs at UMass Boston

Earn a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in as little as five years.



THE AMP ADVANTAGE

At UMass Boston, qualifying students can get a head start on their graduate studies and their future careers by enrolling in an Accelerated Master's Program (AMP). For students who meet the requirements of their chosen program, our AMP offering provides several key advantages:

Save money.

Pay undergraduate tuition rates and apply undergraduate financial aid toward any graduate-level coursework taken while considered an undergraduate. AMP applicants pay no application or deposit confirmation fees.

Skip transcripts and test scores.

Applicants don't need to submit UMass Boston transcripts, and many programs don't require GRE or GMAT scores.

Save time.

Enter the workforce up to one year earlier than students enrolled in a standard master's degree program.

DIVERSE AMP OPTIONS

UMass Boston has AMP offerings in a wide variety of subjects and in numerous colleges across the university:

Applied Economics (BA/MA)

Applied Linguistics (BA/MA)

Applied Sociology (BA/MA)

Business Administration (BA/BS to MBA)

Chemistry (BS/MS)

Conflict Resolution (BA/MA)

Critical and Creative Thinking (BA/MA)

Environmental Sciences (BS/MS)

Exercise and Health Sciences (BS/MS)

Gerontology (BS/MS)

Gerontology: Management of Aging Services (BS/MS)

Global Inclusion and Social Development (BA/MA)

History (BA/MA)

International Relations (BA/MA)

Middle/Secondary Education Initial Licensure (MEd)

Public Administration (BA/MPA)

Public Administration: Gender, Leadership,

and Public Policy (BA/MPA)

Rehabilitation Counseling (MS)

WHO CAN APPLY AND WHEN

The Accelerated Master's Program is open to current undergraduate students—typically juniors or third-year full-time undergraduates—who have completed 72–96 credits and who are on track to complete 120 credits and all undergraduate requirements within the next academic year.

Honors College enrollees are eligible to begin in their junior year. They should submit a Graduate Admission application in the semester in which they reach 60–72 credits and then begin graduate coursework in their junior year.

Transfer students will need to complete 30 credits of UMass Boston coursework before applying.

HOW IT WORKS

AMP students are awarded both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree. To complete the program in five years, AMP students are expected to finish most or all academic requirements for their undergraduate degree by the end of the first semester of their senior or fourth year. Undergraduate students replace general electives with graduate coursework. Students may receive up to 18 Advanced Standing credits maximum for graduate coursework completed while enrolled as an undergraduate. These credits will reduce the number of courses needed to complete the master's degree.

In the semester in which completion of the undergraduate requirements is achieved, including the overall 120-credit minimum, an AMP student may then apply to graduate and receive the bachelor's degree, after which the student will then matriculate as a graduate student.

FINANCIAL AID

AMP students pay undergraduate tuition and fees providing that at least half of their coursework each semester is at the undergraduate level, despite taking some graduate-level coursework.

Once an AMP student has been awarded the bachelor's degree and matriculates as a graduate student, the student will then be charged graduate tuition.

AMP students' undergraduate financial aid eligibility will be determined based on their enrollment and remaining undergraduate degree requirements. To maintain eligibility for undergraduate financial aid, AMP students must be taking credits that will count toward their undergraduate degree requirements.

Upon matriculating as a graduate student, the AMP student's undergraduate aid will end. The student will, however, be eligible for the many funding opportunities available to traditional master's degree students.

HOW TO APPLY

Apply in three easy steps:

- Submit an AMP interest form, available at umb.edu/amp or by scanning the QR code below. On the form, declare the specific Accelerated Master's Program in which you wish to enroll.
- Before your final year of traditional undergraduate study, during the semester in which you will achieve 72–96 credits (60–72 credits for Honors College enrollees), submit the standard graduate application. Your submission should include all supplementary materials required by your program of interest; all programs require at least a statement of purpose and letters of recommendation.
- Once you are admitted into the program, confirm your acceptance by emailing graduate.admissions@umb.edu. No deposit is required.

DEADLINES

May 1 – deadline for most programs to begin graduate coursework in the fall

December 1 – deadline for most programs that offer spring admission

LEARN MORE

UMass Boston's Accelerated Master's Programs offer many advantages over traditional bachelor's and master's degree enrollment. The AMP option can save you time and money and simplify your graduate enrollment process. Visit umb.edu/amp or scan the QR code to find out more about the AMP option and requirements for your specific area of study.

