UMass Dartmouth CollegeNow Program

College Now/START is an alternative admissions program at UMass Dartmouth that helps academically disadvantaged students prepare for and succeed in college. The program provides academic counseling, instruction, and individualized attention to help students achieve their academic goals. After successfully completing the Fall Academic Program, students become degree candidates and can major in any of UMass Dartmouth's academic programs.

- To start, you would go to the link of the website of the program https://www.umassd.edu/collegenow/
- Click on ‘Explore College Now/START’ to explore about the program.
● The left panel on the program page has a few navigating options.

● For eligibility, click on ‘Eligibility’ to find out the requirements.
● If you click on ‘REQUEST INFORMATION’ for additional information, it will bring you to the following page, where you could fill out the contact information and then submit to receive additional information.

**There are lots of reasons to love UMass Dartmouth.**
The College Now Program is one of them. We'd like to let you know why it may be the right choice for you.

- First Name
- Last Name
- Email
- Mobile Phone

Receive texts from UMassD?
- Yes
- No

Start Year

Submit

● If you click on ‘LIVE CHAT’, it will bring you to the following page, where you can also schedule a live chat. After click on the selected appointment, you will be brought to the next page to fill out your personal information.
• Fill out your name, contact info and start year, then click on SUBMIT button to confirm the live chat appointment.
• If you click on ‘APPLY’ from the navigation menu.

[Image of navigation menu with 'APPLY' highlighted]

- Preferred academic program
  Be sure to select College Now or START as your preferred academic program. You must select a second preference which is the academic program you are interested in.

[Image of Preferred academic program section]

College Now applicants are either first generation college bound and/or low income as defined by federal guidelines.

START applicants are students interested in Engineering, Math, Computer Science, and Physics.

Learn more about eligibility for College Now/START

Dates & deadlines

College Now/START is full for the 2023-2024 academic year. Students interested in applying for the 2024-2025 academic year may begin doing so in the fall.

The College Now Program is a rolling admissions program and space is limited. We accept students until we fill the spots available for the upcoming fall semester. To ensure consideration of your application all admissions and FAFSA materials should be submitted as soon as possible. March 1 is the priority deadline for FAFSA filing.

• You can apply via either ‘Common App’ or ‘UMassD’. Be sure to select ‘College Now’ or ‘START’ as preferred academic program, for example, on Common App:

[Image of Common App application form with 'College Now' selected]
Congratulations!

You have successfully navigated through UMassD College Now!